



# PROCEEDINGS

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## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION

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### MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.



JACKSON, MISS., DEC. 30, 1897.

The Eighty-Fourth Session of the MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, December 30, 1897, Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, presiding.

The Bishop conducted the religious services by reading Matthew vii. 21; announcing the 220 Hymn, which was sung by the Conference and by prayer.

The roll was called by C. G. Andrews, Secretary of the last Session, and the following answered to their names, viz:

R. A. Sibley, J. A. B. Jones, A. B. Nicholson, W. B. Hines, H. P. Lewis, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, C. G. Andrews, E. H. Mounger, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, P. Howard, R. D. Norsworthy, J. S. Parker, J. H. Holland, J. W. McLaurin, R. Bradley, C. A. Powell, W. W. Simmons, J. P. Drake, H. R. Caldwell, L. Carley, J. W. Chambers, J. M. Pugh, A. D. Miller, T. W. Adams, J. W. Brown, W. G. Backus, H. W. Featherstun, T. L. Mellen, M. H. Moore, B. F. Lewis, A. F. Watkins, H. D. Howell, W. W. Moore, V. V. Boone, R. S. Gale, R. Selby, M. L. Burton, N. B. Harmon, J. M. Morse, G. H. Galloway, W. L. Linfield, J. N. Ware, J. G. Cammack, B. H. Rawls, H. M. Ellis, W. M. Sullivan, R. H. Barr, H. Mellard, H. C. Brown, M. J. Miller, H. L. Norton, P. H. Howse, B. W. Lewis, J. C. Ellis, J. W. Tinnin, W. J. Ferguson, H. B. Trevilion, G. R. Ellis, J. T. Abney, W. J. Dawson, C. C. Evans, H. B. Vandenberg, T. J. Norsworthy, J. M. Weems, R. W. Bailey, F. B. Ormond, C. M. Crossley, T. H. King, R. E. Rutledge, P. D. Hardin, W. M. Williams, W. W. Moore, A. T. Bell, W. C. Black, A. H. Shannon, E. T. Breland, C. F. Emery, J. D. Ellis, M. M. Black, J. A. Moore, H. G. Hawkins, D. Scarborough.

The following list of lay members was called and those marked "p," were present, viz:

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT—R. M. Cameron, S. J. Johnson, W. S. Davis, H. S. Gunn.

JACKSON DISTRICT—W. H. Cassell, W. E. Harris, (p) C. C. Campbell, (p) L. A. Magruder, (p).

BRANDON DISTRICT—I. Miller, (p) W. M. Thornton, (p) A. A. Breckenridge, S. D. Miller, (p).

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—T. A. Holloman, (p) B. H. Ritchie, (p) J. S. Austin, Thos. Mount, (p).

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—T. L. Venable, (p) J. T. Butler, R. P. Willing, J. E. Carruth, (p).

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—T. P. Bell, L. P. Brown, R. M. Bourdeaux, S. B. Watts.

NATCHEZ DISTRICT—Thos. Sullivan, (p) J. R. Whittington, (p) D. F. Ashford, H. B. McGehee.

SEASHORE DISTRICT—W. F. Ferrell, L. N. Dantzler, J. S. Turner, L. R. Roberts.

C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary with the following assistants, viz: J. A. B. Jones, G. H. Galloway, W. L. Linfield, J. G. Galloway, C. F. Emery, W. M. Stevens.

The hours of 9 A. M., and 1 P. M., respectively, were chosen as the times of meeting and adjournment.

The bar of the Conference was fixed by a line running across the room inside of the fourth window.

The following nominated by the Presiding Elders, were elected as the

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.—R. D. Norsworthy, H. M. DuBose, R. J. Jones, R. S. Ricketts, C. C. Campbell.

ON MEMOIRS.—R. F. Witt, J. P. Drake, H. L. Norton, H. W. Featherston, W. W. Hurst, W. B. Lewis, M. H. Moore, H. E. Partridge.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.—D. P. Bradford, I. W. Cooper, W. H. Cassell, A. T. Bell, A. D. Miller, J. E. Carruth, D. F. Ashford, J. T. Leggett.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.—Irwin Miller, J. S. Turner, J. G. Cammack, R. M. Bourdeaux, E. E. Langford, J. T. Suddoth, R. S. Gale, C. D. Cecil.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—A. A. Breckenridge, L. N. Dantzler, W. E. Harris, T. P. Bell, Thomas Mount, V. V. Boone, M. M. Black, W. J. Dawson.

ON TEMPERANCE.—R. Bradley, W. G. Forsythe, L. S. Jones, G. H. Thompson, B. H. Ritchie, T. L. Venable, H. B. McGehee, F. M. Keen.

ON PUBLISHING INTEREST.—I. B. Robertson, C. F. Emery, H. M. DuBose, S. B. Watts, W. T. Griffin, C. McDonald, T. B. Holloman, S. J. Johnson.

ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—W. M. Sullivan, T. J. Norsworthy, L. P. Brown, J. S. Austin, B. F. Lewis, H. S. Gunn, B. H. Rawls, G. R. Ellis.

ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—P. H. Howse, W. H. Huntley, F. M. Williams, D. C. Langford, J. N. Ware, W. M. Williams, B. S. Rayner, J. T. Nicholson.

The report of the Publishing House was read and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The report of the Sunday School editor, Rev. James Atkins, D. D., was read and referred to the Sunday School Board.

The report of Rev. R. J. Bigham, Secretary of the Board of Education, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Education.

The report of Rev. George Williams Walker, President of Paine Institute, was read and referred to the Board of Education.

The report of the Missionary Secretaries, Revs. H. C. Morrison, D. D., and W. R. Lambuth, D. D., was read and referred to the Missionary Board.

A letter from Mrs. Maria L. Gibson, President of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was read and referred to the Board of Education.

A communication from Alex G. Brown, Chairman of the Committee for Entertaining the General Conference, was read and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

A memorial from Mrs. M. Allen and Miss Blanche Howell relating to the provision for preaching the gospel to the State convicts in camps, was read and referred to the Board of Missions.

A communication from Rev. John Burrus Fearn, M. D., the special medical missionary of the Conference, in China, was read and referred to the Board of Missions.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference, viz: Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, Rev. J. A. Bowen, of the North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Mr. Bachman, colporteur of the North Mississippi Conference, Rev. P. L. Cobb, of the Tennessee Conference, Rev. J. B. K. Spain, of the Alabama Conference, Rev. Mr. Hutton, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, Rev. R. J. Bigham, Secretary of the Board of Education. Rev. John Hunter, D. D., minister in the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., President of the Millsaps College.

Dr. Murrah addressed the Conference on Millsaps College and submitted a report of the Board of Trustees, which was referred to the Board of Education.

The Twentieth Question was called: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The following were passed and referred to the Conference Committee for the superannuated relation, viz: A. B. Nicholson, H. J. Harris, E. A. Flowers, G. Bancroft, J. W. Harmon, J. A. Vance, H. R. Caldwell, J. H. Evans, R. A. Sibley, N. B. Young, W. B. Hines, J. M. Pugh, P. Howard, D. G. W. Ellis, and L. P. Meador.

The following was passed and was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation, viz: J. W. Sandell.

The following were called and it was announced that they had passed over to their reward in Heaven during the year, viz: R. S. Woodward, J. V. Penn.

The following, who are the Presiding Elders, were passed and gave an account of their respective districts, viz, J. M. Weems, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. A. Powell, L. Carley, C. G. Andrews, W. W. Simmons, R. D. Norsworthy, E. H. Mounger.

Question One was called: "Who are admitted on trial?" The following having been duly recommended by their respective district conferences, and having stood approved examinations, were admitted, viz: From the Brookhaven district, Lucius E. Alford; from the Meridian district, Gus. Shaw Harmon, John Jay Golden, Henry Jackson Moore.

Question Two was called: "Who remain on trial?" The following having stood approved examinations, were passed and advanced to the class of second year, viz: Geo. P. McKeown, John A. Moore, Walter A. Terry. The following was

passed and was continued in the class of the first year, viz: Mancil A. Thurman.

Question Eight was called: "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" The following having traveled two consecutive years and having stood approved examinations, were elected, viz: Robt. L. Phillips, Thos. B. Cottrell, Robt. A. Sibley, Jr. John H. Foreman in deacons orders having stood an approved examination, was passed to the third year. Geo. M. Hull in deacons orders, was passed and continued in the class of the second year, he not having been before the examining committee.

Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference in the advocacy of his paper.

H. G. Hawkins was placed in the list of assistant secretaries, in place of W. M. Stevens, absent.

I. W. Cooper read the report of the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College, which was referred to the Board of Education.

The Twentieth Question was resumed: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following were passed, viz: A. F. Watkins, W. T. Griffin, G. A. Guice, C. C. Evans, W. W. Hurst, J. G. Galloway, R. Selby, J. W. Crisler, J. N. Ware, A. D. Miller, W. M. Stevens, H. M. Ellis, T. B. Holloman, D. F. Guice, B. S. Rayner, E. F. Edgar, R. A. Breland, J. N. Tucker, M. H. Moore, B. F. Lewis, R. S. Gale, I. W. Cooper, H. D. Howell, T. W. Brown, G. R. Ellis.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. J. A. Bowen, of the North Mississippi Conference, would preach at 3 P. M., and Rev. Dr. Hoss, Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, would preach at 7 P. M.

After notices given, Conference adjourned with the doxology and with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.



## SECOND DAY.

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 31, 1897.

The Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop Wilson in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by H. W. Featherston.

The roll was called and the following in addition to those present yesterday answered to their names, viz:

D. P. Bradford, D. G. W. Ellis, R. J. Jones, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, C. D. Cecil, B. F. Jones, B. S. Rayner, I. W. Cooper, T. W. Brown, I. L. Peebles, W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, E. F. Edgar, L. J. Jones, D. F. Guice, R. F. Witt, L. S. Jones, R. A. Breland, W. H. Huntley, J. M. Cowan, F. M. Keen, J. D. Crymes, J. G. Galloway, W. G. Forsyth, J. T. Leggett, G. H. Thompson, M. L. White, G. A. Guice, W. T. Griffin, H. W. Van Hook, G. W. Huff, E. E. Langford, H. M. DuBose, J. E. Riddle.

The following lay members in addition to those present yesterday, answered to their names, viz:

R. M. Cameron, W. H. Cassell, A. A. Breckenridge, J. S. Austin, Thomas Mount, J. T. Butler, J. T. Suddoth, T. P. Bell, L. P. Brown, S. B. Watts, S. S. Cope, H. B. McGehee, W. F. Terrell, L. N. Danzler, J. S. Turner, L. R. Roberts.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Seventh Question was called. "Who are the deacons of one year?" The

following having stood approved examinations, were passed and advanced to the fourth year, viz: Daniel Scarborough, Fletcher B. Ormond, Hiram B. Trevilion, T. J. Norsworthy, John D. Ellis, Robt. E. Rutledge, Waldo W. Moore, W. M. Williams.

The following were passed and continued in the class of the third year, not having been before the examining committee, viz Clarence M. Crossley, Eugene E. Langford, John C. Ellis, Geo. W. Huff, Henry C. Brown. Henry C. Brown was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary Relation.

Question Sixteen was called. "Who are located this year?" Matthew J. Miller and Thomas H. King at their own request.

The report of the Board of Church Extension, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

The following telegram was received, viz:

COLUMBUS, Miss., Dec. 30, 1897.

*Conference M. E. Church South, Jackson, Miss.:*

Bishop and Conference of the Colored M. E. Church, sends greetings: I, Thess. 1, 2.  
E. COTTRELL.

The Secretary was instructed to send a reply, whereupon the following telegram was sent, viz:

*To The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbus, Miss.:*

The Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, reciprocates your greetings and refers to II Corinthians xiii, 14.

C. G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

Question One was again called. "Who are admitted on trial?" Henry A. Gatlin, properly recommended from the Brookhaven District, and having stood an approved examination, was admitted.

Question Ten was called. "What local preachers are elected deacons?" The following having been duly recommended by their respective districts, were elected, viz: John Jay Golden and Henry Jackson Moore from the Meridian District, and Walter Anderson Terry from the Jackson District.

Question Fourteen was called. "What local preachers are elected elders?" Robt. W. Burton, properly recommended from the Brandon District, was elected.

Rev. H. C. Morrison, D. D., Missionary Secretary, and Rev. S. A. Steele, Secretary of Epworth League, were introduced to the Conference.

President J. W. Beeson of the East Mississippi Female College, was introduced to the Conference and read a report from his Institution, which was referred to the Board of Education.

Question Four was called. "Who are admitted into full connection" The following having traveled two consecutive years, and having stood approved examinations, were addressed by the Bishop, and having given satisfactory answers to the questions in the Discipline, were admitted, viz:

Robt. Lee Phillips, Thos. B. Cottrell, Robt. A. Sibley, Jr., and John H. Foreman.

Bishop C. B. Galloway took the chair.

The Twentieth Question was resumed. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following were examined and passed, viz:

J. P. Drake, W. G. Forsythe, W. H. Huntley, I. L. Peebles, R. F. Witt, J.

T. Leggett, J. T. Nicholson, W. J. Ferguson, H. E. Partridge, R. B. Downer, C. D. Cecil, F. M. Keen, W. J. Dawson, J. W. Brown, H. W. Featherstun, G. H. Galloway, N. B. Harmon, D. C. Langford, G. H. Thompson, H. Mellard, H. W. Van Hook, J. H. Holland, A. T. Bell, H. P. Lewis, P. H. Howse, D. P. Bradford, I. B. Robertson, W. L. Linfield, R. Bradley, W. W. Cammack, G. W. Ferrer, L. J. Jones, W. M. Sullivan, M. L. White, H. M. Du Bose, R. J. Jones, J. D. Crymes, T. L. Mellen, F. M. Williams, R. W. Bailey, H. L. Norton, L. J. Jones, J. S. Parker, J. A. Moore, W. C. Black, B. F. Jones, C. McDonald, B. H. Rawls, J. A. B. Jones, W. W. Morse, J. T. Abney, J. M. Morse, V. V. Boone, W. G. Backus, B. W. Lewis, J. W. Tinkin, T. W. Adams, W. B. Lewis, J. W. Chambers, C. W. Crisler, J. W. McLaurin, J. E. Riddle, M. L. Burton.

J. M. Cowan was passed and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary Relation.

Question Twelve was called. "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The following having stood approved examinations, were passed and elected, viz: Chas. F. Emery, Paul D. Hardin, Marvin McKendree Black, Elbert T. Breland, A. Harvey Shannon, Henry G. Hawkins, James G. Cammack.

The following were passed and continued in the class of the fourth year, not having stood approved examinations; viz: Robt. H. Barr and Harrison B. Vandenberg.

The following resolution from the Board of Missions, was adopted, viz:

#### CHANGES IN MISSIONARY CONSTITUTION.

At the 6th and last session for 1896 of your Missionary Board, held at Port Gibson, Dec. 5, 1896, it was resolved to request the Annual Conference to make two slight changes in our Constitution, viz.: that Art. II be so amended as to read:

"The Board shall consist of one traveling preacher and one layman from each District elected by the Conference every four years. The Presiding Elders shall be "ex officio," advisory members of the Board."

Also that Art. VIII be so amended as to read as follows: Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the discharge of any and all business of the Board.

A true copy from minutes.

J. P. DRAKE, Secretary.

Question Forty was called. "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" Hattiesburg and Vicksburg were nominated and Hattiesburg was chosen. The choice of Hattiesburg was made unanimous.

It was resolved to make the election of delegates to the General Conference the special order for 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

R. M. Cameron was appointed on the committee of Publishing Interests in place of S. J. Johnson.

Rev. Dr. Standifer of the North Mississippi Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Barbee, Book Agent addressed the Conference.

J. T. Butler was appointed on the Committee on Publishing Interests in place of C. McDonald.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that M. M. Black would preach at 3 p. m. and that an Educational Meeting would be held at 7 p. m. addressed by Drs. Bigham and Murrah.

That Dr. S. A. Steele would deliver his lecture on "Pioneers of Methodism" to be followed by a Watch Night Meeting presided over by C. G. Andrews.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Bishop Galloway.

## THIRD DAY.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 1, 1898.

The Conference met at 9 a. m. Bishop Wilson in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by A. F. Watkins. The roll was called and the following in addition to those present on yesterday answered to their names:

C. W. Crisler, W. M. Stevens, J. W. Crisler, H. E. Partridge, J. N. Tucker.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev's. J. J. Tigert, D. D., Book Editor, and J. O. Andrew, D. D., Editor of the Alabama Advocate were introduced to the Conference.

The following was read and adopted as

### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference, Jackson, Miss.*

The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Orphans' Home, established at Water Valley, beg leave to present the following report for the past year. Referring to the report made to the Conference at Port Gibson one year ago, and making it a part hereof continuing, the same we would show that in accordance with the plans selected at Jackson, we have gone forward and erected a handsome and commodious building, with capacity to accommodate one hundred and twenty-five inmates, with all necessary rooms for manager and attendants, outbuildings, a good well of water and in fact the orphanage is now ready for occupancy when properly furnished.

While we report the building ready for occupancy, we would not have it understood that it is entirely finished. Owing to a lack of funds, we have not been able to complete the painting, but this can be done at a later date. For a detailed statement of the money expended on this institution to date, amounting in the aggregate to \$6311.52, we refer to the reports of the Treasurers and Building Committee, which show the amounts received and paid out, and the sources from which they were obtained.

We would also call attention to the fact that in addition to the amount of cash above expended in the building, there were about \$1500.00 contributed in the way of reduced freight rates and in the price of materials which should be calculated in the estimate of the value of the home. Also the value of the land, which was donated by the City of Water Valley, which at a reasonable estimate is worth more than \$2000.00, making a total property value of over \$10,000.00

Under the authority reposed in us by the last Annual Conference, Sister T. B. Clifford was appointed Agent for the Home, and assisted by her husband, Rev. T. B. Clifford, she acceptably performed these duties until in April last, when at a meeting of this Board, it was decided to put an active Agent in the field and with the approval of Bishop Wilson, Rev. T. B. Clifford was assigned to this work. In July he began operations until he was stopped by quarantine regulations throughout the State, on account of yellow fever epidemic, and his success was beyond our most sanguine expectations and entirely satisfactory. But for this unavoidable hindrance, we feel safe in saying, that our Orphanage would to-day be in complete running order, with ample funds in hand for the present uses. Everywhere and on every occasion where the subject has been presented our people are responding liberally and are entering upon this Christian work with commendable spirit. We feel that the progress which has been made toward the establishment of this long needed institution is a credit to Mississippi Methodism and we have full faith and confidence in its certain success.

And it being essential that this laudable enterprise should be kept continually before the church, we recommend that the first Sunday in April, 1898, or as early thereafter as practicable, be observed throughout the Conference as Orphans' day, and we further request the Conference to ask each presiding elder

during his first round to appoint a Committee of Three in the charge on the nomination of the preacher in charge to be known as the Orphans' Home Committee; this Committee to act in connection with the pastor to solicit and take charge of all collections after organization, and the secretary to report to the president of the Board at Water Valley, monthly or quarterly.

We further recommend that this Conference re-elect Rev. M. L. Burton and W. A. Gunning as members of the Board, their terms having expired in this month.

We have unanimously elected Rev. M. L. Burton of the Mississippi Conference manager of the Home, and we earnestly ask his appointment by the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. GUNNING, Pres. Orphans' Home Board of Directors.  
J. B. STREATER, Sec. pro tem.

The hour arriving for the order of the day, Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference.

The Secretary announced that there were 137 clerical members, and 32 lay members of the Conference, thus entitling the Conference to three ministerial and three lay members.

A. F. Watkins and H. M. Ellis were appointed tellers for the clerical members, with C. G. Andrews, secretary.

Thos. Mount and S. B. Watts were appointed tellers for the lay members, C. F. Emery, secretary.

I. W. Cooper read the following, which was adopted as

#### REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee is thankful we can report that our church has had her victories during the past year, as well as her trials and sorrows. Our church has had peace and spiritual growth. The doctrines of regeneration, justification and sanctification, have been preached by a faithful ministry. There never was a time in the history of our church when we could find more loyalty and fidelity.

The grace of liberality, as shown in the contributions to the various claims of the church, show the interest and love of our people. The cry of the orphan and widow, the cry of the heathen have touched the hearts of our members. The support of the ministry is improving, which is an index to the spirituality of the church. We look to the training the children are receiving in the Sabbath School for the future development of the church spirituality.

With all our encouragement, we are pained to note inconsistencies among many of our members, various forms of worldliness, love of fashion, greed, covetousness, usury, forbidden amusements such as card playing, dancing, theatre-going, circus attendance, all of these are contrary to our teaching and inimical to true godliness. Let our pastors give a warning voice: The wealth of Methodism is in the holiness of her members, and the desire should be greater to increase the spirituality than to number Israel.

Grateful to God for past blessings and victories, we press on to greater victories.

I. W. COOPER,  
Chairman.

W. L. C. Hunnicutt read the following, which was adopted:

#### MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

*To our Representatives in Congress of the United States:*

We as a body composing the Eighty-Fourth Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now assembled at Jackson, State of Mississippi, numbering more than 170 ministers and laymen from different part of the State, do most earnestly appeal and ask that you will actively support and work for the bill now before your body, known as H. R. 4829, "For the Relief

of the Book Agents," a bill, which, has been recommended by the Committee on War Claims, to be paid to the Southern Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee, for the use, occupation and injury of the property of said Southern Methodist Publishing House during the late war.

To this end we ask that you not only vote for this bill making a direct appropriation, but that you use your best efforts to secure the votes of members from the North, East and West.

The Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to furnish immediately each of the Representatives and Senators in Congress from Mississippi with a copy of this Memorial.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT.

H. M. DuBose read the following, which was adopted:

MOB VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, Mob violence in the punishment, or attempted punishment of crime, seems to be on the increase in our State, and is too frequently condoned and too lightly condemned by the makers and conservators of public opinion; and,

WHEREAS, Mob rule tends always to public disorder, to the certain corruption of morals and to the hardening and barbarising of its promoters; and,

WHEREAS, Lawlessness is a private and public crime, and moreover, a sin specially and terribly denounced in the word of God, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this day assembled in the city of Jackson, does hereby and herein put itself on record as unconditionally condemning all lawlessness whatsoever, and especially those forms commonly described as lynchings, such as the illegal hanging of men for crimes alleged or proven, and all other procedures to the same end in contravention of law and the established methods of administrative justice.

*Resolved further*, That this body does hereby call upon the people everywhere to support the officers of the law in suppressing mob rule and violence, and in preventing a repetition of those acts of lawlessness which have so disgraced and hurt us in the eyes of others, and which are so unworthy a civilized and Christian people.

H. M. DUBOSE,  
C. G. ANDREWS.

First ballot for Lay Representatives to the General Conference, consisted of twenty-one votes, of which S. B. Watts received thirteen, and he was declared elected.

George H. Thompson read report which was re-committed and finally adopted as

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

*To the Bishop and members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following as our report:

We acknowledge with thankfulness the blessings which have come to us through the laws of our State prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks, and rejoice in the sentiment which has sustained our laws and driven the curse from so many of the counties in the State. But we have reason to fear that while we have slept, the enemy has sown tares which we are reaping in the character of Hop Tea Joints and other "blind tiger" screens. These exist in great abundance not only in our cities and larger towns but in the rural districts, and to us, seem to be on the increase.

We would recommend that the following petition be sent by this Conference to the Governor of Mississippi:

*To Hon. A. J. Laurin, Governor of the State of Mississippi:*

Realizing that a great evil exists in the law which grants license to sell Hop-Ale, Hop-fin-Weis, or White-Hops, and that our silence would be equivalent to endorsing the system under which the license is granted. We, the Mississippi

Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session in the city of Jackson, would respectfully ask you to recommend to the Legislature, soon to convene in regular session, to prevent the enactment of the provisions of the revenue law granting license to retail or sell hop-tea.

1st. We would further express the conviction that the obtaining and holding a United States revenue license to sell whisky in prohibition territory, should be *prima facie* evidence of the holder's guilt, and it should be the duty of any peace officer to arrest any one known to hold such license.

2nd. We would further ask that the law relating to the penalty for the unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks be so amended as to make imprisonment obligatory and not optional with the court.

We would request our pastors to send as early as practicable, to the members of the Legislature from their respective districts, a petition asking them to co-operate with the Governor in securing the legislation for which we have asked.

We would remind our brethren of the danger of a waning vigilance and urge them to insist on total abstinence among all church people and to push the fight against the almost vanquished foe.

R. BRADLEY, Chairman.

GEO. H. THOMPSON, Secretary.

*To our Representatives in Congress of the United States, now assembled:*

We as a body composing the Eighty-Fourth Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, do most earnestly appeal and most respectfully ask that you enact into law a bill forbidding the Internal Revenue officers issuing Internal Revenue license to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in any State or county in which there prevails a law against the sale of same.

R. BRADLEY,  
L. S. JONES,  
GEO. H. THOMPSON.

The first clerical vote for delegates consisted of 105 votes, of which C. G. Andrews receivd 81, and he was declared elected.

J. P. Drake submitted the following which was adopted:

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

*Resolved*, That we memorialize our General Conference to so alter Paragraph 204 of our Book of Discipline as to entitle each piece of church property to a separate Board of Trustees, and to make such verbal changes in other paragraphs as shall make all consistent herewith.

2nd. Also adding to Question 24th, in paragraph 87, this item of special question: "Is all our property insured?"

J. P. DRAKE,  
C. A. POWELL,  
W. C. BLACK.

T. L. Mellen submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT ON CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT.

*To the President and members of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to be held in Jackson, Miss., Dec. 30, 1897.*

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Your trustees of the Conference Endowment Fund, to whom were referred the resolutions of our brethren, I. L. Peebles and H. M. Ellis, urging the need of better provision for our venerable superannuated preachers, beg leave to report:

1. This is a matter which has lain long on our hearts and has occupied much of our thoughts.

2. We need to increase our Endowment Fund, not only by inviting liberal gifts from our members and friends who are possessed of ample means, but also yearly to turn over to the trustees of the Endowment Fund not less than *ten per centum* of the collections made for Conference claimants, such per centum to be

invested by said trustees as other funds, the interest only to be used, until we get such an amount securely invested, the yearly interest of which will afford from \$300 to \$600 each year to our retired veteran brethren and their dependent families.

3. A part of the yearly interest ought to be used as soon as practicable in providing cottage homes at various points along our lines of railroads where lands and living are cheap, but where kindly neighbors are found and where church privileges are easily accessible. These would be the homes of the respective occupants during the lives of the superannuate and his wife, and the life of the survivor, conditioned on the payment of taxes and taking good care of the property.

T. L. MELLEN,  
President of Trustees.

The second ballot for lay delegates consisted of twenty-one votes, of which Edward Mayes received eleven votes, and he was declared elected.

The Eighteenth Question was called. "Who are superannuated?" The following having been favorably reported by the Committee on Conference Relations were superannuated, viz: A. B. Nicholson, E. A. Flowers, J. A. Vance, J. H. Evans, N. B. Young, J. M. Pugh, D. G. W. Ellis, H. J. Harris, G. Bancroft, H. R. Caldwell, R. A. Sibley, W. B. Hines, P. Howard, L. P. Meador, J. W. Harmon.

Question Seventeen was called. "Who are supernumerary?" The following were favorably reported upon by the Committee on Conference Relations and were granted the supernumerary relation, viz: J. W. Sandell, J. M. Cowan, H. C. Brown.

The following was adopted as

#### REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

*To the Bishop and members of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South:*

Your committee has carefully examined the District Conference Records of Jackson, Meridian, Enterprise, Natchez, Seashore and Brandon Districts.

The Record of the Enterprise District has been carefully kept, but a few blots mar its neatness. That of the Natchez District is neatly and correctly kept, except there are no marginal references and no room for them.

We consider the Records of the Brookhaven, Brandon, Jackson, Meridian and Seashore Districts models as to form and neatness.

Your committee did not receive the records of the Vicksburg District.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

G. R. ELLIS, Secretary.

Dr. J. J. Tigert, Book Editor, addressed the Conference.

The second ballot for clerical delegates consisted of 117 votes, of which W. C. Black received 60, and he was declared elected.

C. G. Andrews, Secretary, submitted the following on

#### PRINTING MINUTES 1897,

Printing 3000 copies of Minutes for 1896 .....	\$125 00
Postage, Express, Etc.....	30 70

The cost will be about the same, say.....	\$155 70
Less amount over last year.....	9 50
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	\$146.20

To be distributed among the Joint Board of Finance, the Missionary Board, the Church Extension Board, Board of Education, Sunday School Board, each..... \$ 29 24

A. D. Miller read the following which was adopted, as

#### REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:*

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

We recognize the immense agency of the dissemination of the Word of God in the conversion of the world and any cause whatever that hinders the circulation of the Scriptures discounts to some extent one of the agencies that God has ordained for the salvation of human souls, in view of this fact we regret exceedingly that the assessment for 1897 on our Conference to aid the American Bible Society in this grand work has not been met in full, for we learn from published statistics and through the agent, that their funds are not at all adequate to meet the demand, especially in translating the Scriptures, not only for foreign but also for home work, there being thirty-two (32) languages spoken among the citizenship of the United States of America, most of us know the rapidity with which foreigners avail themselves of our naturalization laws. No other establishment proposes to furnish these, and the Gospel is now only preached in about six of these different languages and the Society has already been compelled to retrench its work. Several new translations of the New Testament are on hand at the Bible House, which cannot be printed for want of money—we would therefore urge the importance of this work and beg the brethren to heed the action of the General Conference, to take collection in every congregation annually.

The Bible Society still furnishes needy Sunday Schools with cheap Bibles and Testaments at half cost, and all Sunday Schools at actual cost.

Mrs. Heber Craft, in speaking of the Word of God being the foundation of our government, said that "when the American Bible Society undertook to put Bibles in the hands of every Sunday School scholar, who can read, American patriotism reached its summit.

The assessment on our Conference the past year was \$1,000.00—\$785.05 of which has been collected—we recommend that the assessment for the ensuing Conference year be the same amount \$1,000.00 and hope every dollar of it will be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVIN MILLER, Chairman

For the Committee.

Dr. S. A. Steel, Editor and Secretary of Epworth Leagues, addressed the Conference.

The third ballot for clerical delegates consisted of 110 votes, of which A. F. Watkins received 62 votes and he was declared elected.

It was resolved, that the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the next clerical ballot, should be declared clerical reserves.

Dr. H. C. Morrison, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

B. F. Jones, appointed at last Conference, to purchase the library of the late Dr. H. F. Johnson reported that Mrs. Johnson declined to sell; he was relieved from the committee.

T. P. Bell read the following which was adopted as

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit the following report:

While we rejoice to note the increasing conviction in favor of a more strict observance of the Sabbath, which we think is the leaven that in due time will leaven the whole lump, and make our people in the true sense strict observers of this Holy Day, we would protest against such practices as traveling on Sunday trains, receiving and delivering mails, social visiting, purchasing and reading Sunday papers.

We recommend that our preachers keep this important subject constantly before our people and that we cooperate with the National Observance Unions in their work.

We return thanks to our presiding Bishop for appointing our Conference on such a date so as to enable our preachers and delegates to arrive at Conference without traveling on Sunday, and we again ask, that in the future the date of our Conference be fixed for Thursday.

T. P. BELL, Chairman.

W. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

W. A. Gunning submitted the following which was adopted as

#### REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

BRETHREN—Your Joint Board of Finance respectfully beg leave to offer the following report, for the work of the year 1897:

For the first time since the Board adopted the quarterly payment system, we were able to pay the 3d quarter when it was due. From the acknowledgments received, this payment came at a most opportune time, shut in by the quarantine regulations and all work at a standstill, the treasurer's check relieved many troubles and made smooth the rough places.

Your Board is more than ever convinced that the quarterly payment plan is the most acceptable to those most interested, and recommend its continuance.

We also renew the recommendation for the observance of the 1st Sunday in March as Veteran's day—that all our Ministers take their Conference collection at that time and remit it at once to the Treasurer.

Three of our claimants have died during the year, Mrs. H. H. Montgomery, Mrs. D. W. Dillehay and Rev. R. S. Woodward.

The last Conference ordered the Joint Board to nominate the Board of Trustees of the Conference Endowment Fund. We submit the following names:

T. L. Mellen, B. F. Jones, C. G. Andrews, R. J. Jones, B. S. Rayner, J. P. Drake and J. W. Chambers.

We have made the following apportionments to the respective claimants for the year 1898:

#### APPORTIONMENTS.

Miss Georgia Stewart.....	\$ 25 00	Rev. A. B. Nicholson.....	\$200 00
Mrs. William Finn.....	100 00	Rev. E. A. Flowers.....	50 00
Mrs. T. Y. Armstrong.....	100 00	Mrs. J. A. Ellis.....	100 00
Mrs. J. M. Williams.....	75 00	Mrs. W. E. Ballard.....	100 00
Mrs. S. Dawson.....	100 00	Mrs. C. C. Watkins .....	20 00
Mrs. John Calhoun.....	50 00	Rev. H. R. Caldwell.....	150 00
Mrs. J. J. Smylie.....	100 00	Rev. George Bancroft.....	200 00
Mrs. Laura Price.....	125 00	Rev. J. M. Pugh.....	150 00
Mrs. V. H. Johnson .....	100 00	Mrs. D. A. Little.....	150 00
Mrs. William Wadsworth.....	50 00	Mrs. J. W. Ellison.....	100 00
Mrs. Jo. Nicholson.....	125 00	Rev. J. H. Evans.....	150 00
Mrs. Matt. Calhoun.....	125 00	Mrs. H. D. Berry .....	100 00
Mrs. E. R. Strickland.....	100 00	Rev. R. A. Sibley .....	200 00
Mrs. G. M. Gillmore.....	100 00	Rev. N. B. Young .....	150 00
Mrs. D. M. Wiggins.....	100 00	Rev. J. A. Vance.....	100 00
Mrs. J. L. Foisythe.....	100 00	Mrs. N. M. Clark.....	100 00
Mrs. H. F. Johnson.....	150 00	Mrs. P. Cooper.....	50 00
Mrs. G. Hawkins.....	75 00	Mrs. R. S. Woodward.....	100 00
Mrs. J. M. Gann.....	20 00	Rev. D. G. W. Ellis.....	200 00
Mrs Ben. Jones.....	125 00	Rev. P. Howard.....	100 00

Rev. W. B. Hines.....	200 00	Mrs. T. S. West.....	100 00
Rev. H. J. Harris.....	100 00	Rev. L. P. Meador.....	150 00
Mrs. D. Merchant.....	100 00		
			\$5,015 00

The assessment for Conference claimants for the year 1898, is \$6,000.00, and is divided among the Districts as follows.

Natchez District.....		\$ 900 00
Vicksburg District.....		800 00
Jackson District.....		950 00
Brookhaven District.....		900 00
Sea Shore District.....		800 00
Meridian District.....		950 00
Forest District.....		750 00
		\$6,050 00

Amount for Bishops \$1,350.00.

Natchez District.....		\$ 200 00
Vicksburg District.....		175 00
Jackson District.....		225 00
Brookhaven District.....		200 00
Sea Shore District.....		175 00
Meridian District.....		225 00
Forest District.....		150 00
		\$1,350 00

The amount for General Conference expenses has been sent to the districts for the last two years, and there is still a deficit. The collection of this deficit is placed in the hands of the Presiding Elders, and they are requested to make an effort to raise the amount at once and remit it to the Treasurer of this Board.

We report the General Conference collections as follows:

	AMOUNT DUE.	AMOUNT PAID.	DEFICIT.
Natchez District.....	\$ 100 25	\$ 29 35	\$ 70 90
Vicksburg District.....	63 50	28 95	34 55
Jackson District.....	61 50	25 50	36 00
Brookhaven District.....	65 75	40 90	24 85
Brandon District.....	34 95	25 50	9 45
Enterprise District.....	65 55	10 25	55 30
Meridian District.....	82 00	58 85	23 15
Sea Shore District.....	52 40	22 00	30 40
	\$ 525 90	\$ 241 30	\$ 284 60

Amount to be still collected:

Natchez District.....		\$ 81 15
Vicksburg District.....		34 55
Jackson District.....		45 25
Brookhaven District.....		34 10
Forest District.....		17 70
Meridian District.....		32 40
Sea Shore District.....		39 65
		\$284 80

The Bishops assessment for 1897 was \$1,300.00, apportioned to the districts as below:

DISTRICTS.	AMOUNT.	COLLECTED.	DEFICIT.
Natchez.....	\$ 165 00	\$ 165 00	\$.....
Vicksburg.....	175 00	175 00	.....
Jackson.....	175 00	170 35	4 65

Brookhaven .....	175 00	175 00	.....
Brandon .....	155 00	155 00	.....
Enterprise .....	150 00	142 10	7 90
Meridian .....	155 00	156 19	.....
Sea Shore .....	150 00	150 00	.....
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	\$1,300 00	\$1,288 64	\$ 12 55

We note that the Meridian District overpays its assessment by \$1.19 and that the Vicksburg, Brookhaven, Brandon, Sea Shore and Natchez Districts pay this assessment in full. Then the deficits are the Jackson and Enterprise Districts.

On the Conference Collection we report:

DISTRICTS.	AMOUNT.	COLLECTED.	DEFICIT.
Natchez .....	\$ 750 00	\$ 508 05	\$ 241 15
Vicksburg .....	800 00	653 75	146 25
Jackson .....	875 00	626 05	248 95
Brookhaven .....	875 00	685 70	188 30
Brandon .....	660 00	517 65	142 35
Enterprise .....	700 00	526 53	173 47
Meridian .....	665 00	440 50	224 50
Sea Shore .....	675 00	475 75	198 25
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	\$ 6,000 00	\$ 4,439 48	\$ 1,560 52

In the Natchez District, one charge, Roxie, has overpaid; two charges have paid up in full.

Vicksburg District, one charge, Harriston, has overpaid; six have paid in full

Jackson, four charges paid in full.

Brookhaven, six charges paid in full.

Brandon, three charges, Brandon, Decatur and Morton, overpaid and four paid up in full.

Enterprise, one charge. Heidelberg, overpaid and four paid in full.

Meridian, four charges paid in full.

Sea Shore, five charges paid in full.

The amounts received and collected from all sources are:

From regular collections .....	\$ 4,439 48
From Publishing House .....	759 00
From Colvin Fund .....	24 20
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	\$ 5,222 68

We have expended:

For publishing minutes, 1896 .....	\$ 33 75
Stamps, stationery and printing .....	15 00
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	\$ 48 75

The following are the amounts paid to Conference claimants:

NAME.	TO WHOM PAID.	AMOUNT.
Miss Georgia Stewart .....	W. M. Thornton .....	\$ 25 00
Mrs. William Finn .....	Self .....	100 00
Mrs. T. Y. Armstrong .....	D. C. Langford .....	100 00
Mrs. J. N. Williams .....	W. M. Thornton .....	75 00
Mrs. S. Dawson .....	W. M. Thornton .....	100 00
Mrs. John Calhoun .....	W. M. Thornton .....	50 00
Mrs. J. J. Smylie .....	H. W. Featherstun .....	100 00
Mrs. Laura Price .....	W. M. Thornton .....	125 00
Mrs. J. A. Newsom .....	W. M. Thornton .....	25 00
Mrs. V. H. Johnson .....	A. D. Miller .....	100 00
Mrs. Wm. Wadsworth .....	I. W. Cooper .....	50 00
Mrs. J. Nicholson .....	H. D. Howell .....	125 00
Mrs. Matt Calhoun .....	W. M. Thornton .....	125 00

Mrs. E. R. Strickland.....	J. M. Morse .....	100 00
Mrs. G. M. Gilmore.....	J. T. Nicholson.....	100 00
Mrs. D. M. Wiggins.....	F. M. Williams.....	100 00
Mrs. W. G. Millsaps.....	W. G. Backus.....	25 00
Mrs. J. L. Forsythe .....	W. B. Lewis.....	100 00
Mrs. H. F. Johnson.....	B. F. Jones.....	150 00
Mrs. G. Hawkins.....	I. L. Peebles.....	75 00
Mrs. J. M. Gann.....	W. H. Huntley.....	25 00
Mrs. Ben. Jones.....	W. M. Thornton.....	100 00
Mrs. D. Merchant.....	F. M. Keen.....	100 00
Rev. W. B. Hines.....	Self.....	200 00
Rev. H. J. Harris.....	W. M. Thornton.....	150 00
Rev. A. B. Nicholson .....	Self.....	200 00
Rev. E. A. Flowers.....	G. H. Hull.....	50 00
Rev. H. R. Caldwell.....	Self.....	150 00
Rev. George Bancroft.....	W. M. Sullivan.....	200 00
Rev. J. M. Pugh.....	Self.....	150 00
Rev. J. H. Evans.....	W. J. Dawson.....	150 00
Rev. R. A. Sibley.....	Self.....	150 00
Rev. N. B. Young .....	Self.....	150 00
Rev. J. A. Vause.....	P. H. Howse.....	100 00
Rev. D. G. W. Ellis.....	Self.....	150 00
Rev. P. Howard.....	Self.....	125 00
Mrs. D. A. Little.....	R. J. Jones.....	150 00
Mrs. J. W. Ellison.....	H. M. DuBose.....	100 00
Mrs. H. D. Berry.....	W. G. Backus.....	100 00
Mrs. P. Cooper.....	I. W. Cooper.....	25 00
Mrs. N. M. Clark.....	H. W. Featherstun.....	100 00
Mrs. R. S. Woodward.....	L. S. Jones .....	250 00
Mrs. J. A. Ellis.....	H. M. Ellis.....	100 00
Mrs. W. E. Ballard.....	T. B. Holloman.....	50 00
Mrs. C. C. Watkins .....	W. M. Thornton.....	20 00
Mrs. M. A. Bell.....		
Mrs. C. C. Calloway.....		
Mrs. F. M. Featherstun.....		
Mrs. W. W. Drake.....		
Rev. J. W. Harmon.....		
Mrs. T. S. West.....		
Mrs. J. V. Penn.....		

\$ 2,477 00

J. W. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

W. A. GUNNING, Secretary.

W. M. THORNTON, Treasurer, Morton, Miss.

The ballot for clerical alternates consisted of 101 votes, of which T. L. Melellen received 47 votes, and W. B. Lewis received 29 votes and they were declared elected as clerical reserves.

Miss N. W. Park, principal, submitted the report of the Port Gibson Female College which was read and referred to the Board of Education.

N. B. Harmon read the following which was adopted;

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension would respectfully submit the following as their annual report.

The receipts from the several districts are as follows:

DISTRICTS.	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Vicksburg.....	\$ 511 00	\$ 311 50

Jackson.....	511 00	260 50
Brookhaven.....	511 00	321 65
Meridian.....	420 00	239 00
Seashore.....	341 00	196 00
Natchez.....	318 00	180 20
Enterprise.....	255 00	113 41
Brandon.....	227 00	153 95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 3094 00</b>	<b>\$ 1776 21</b>
To amount from last year .....		28 66
Total from all sources.....		1804 67

There were thirteen applications presented to the Board, requesting aid in the sum of \$1,465. After a careful consideration of the various claims before the Board, the following appropriations were made:

Vaughns's Church.....	\$ 150 00	
Hickory.....	100 00	
West End.....	300 00	
Thornton's Chapel.....	25 00	
Carter's Mill.....	62 50	
Morton.....	25 00	
Brownsville.....	38 00	
Shiloh.....	37 50	
Poplar Springs.....	50 00	
Ebenezer.....	50 00	
Chunkey.....	14 50	
<b>Total to Churches.....</b>	<b>\$ 852 50</b>	
To General Board by Dr. D. Morton.....		888 10
To printing minutes.....		35 00
To Expense account.....		6 00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 1781 60</b>	
Balance in Treasury.....		23 27

The assessments on the several Districts are as follows:

Vicksburg District.....	\$ 511 00	
Jackson District.....	511 00	
Brookhaven District.....	511 00	
Meridian District.....	511 00	
Seashore District.....	367 00	
Natchez District.....	370 00	
Forest District.....	340 00	

**Total assessment..... \$3121 00**

The Board discourages the disposition of some brethren of pledging aid to churches before the claims of said churches have been considered by the Board.

N. B. HARMON, Secretary.

T. A. HOLLMAN. Treasurer. Phoenix, Miss.

#### WOMANS PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The progress made by this department of our work is gratifying indeed. There are now twenty-eight auxiliaries with a membership of 441.

The receipts during the year have amounted to \$374.70.

The following parsonages have been aided:

Coffadeliah.....	\$ 50 00	
Montrose.....	50 00	
Leaksville.....	100 00	
Rose Hill.....	20 00	

Energy Mission.....	60 00
Hermanville.....	50 00
Wesley Chapel, Natchez.....	60 00

Total to parsonages..... \$ 390 00

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President.....	Miss Addie Purnell, Jackson, Miss.
Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, Meridian, Miss.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. S. S. Cope, Paulding, Miss.
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. A. K. Widney, Bay St. Louis' Miss.
Recording Secretary.....	Miss Mary Clare Brown, Meridian, Miss.
Treasurer. ....	Mrs. T. B. Holloman, Natchez, Miss.

N. B. HARMON, Secretary.

Miss Addie Purnell, Chairman of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, addressed the Conference.

Question Sixteen was called. "Who are located this year?" Elbert T. Breland, at his own request.

On motion, the Conference resolved to meet in session at 3 P. M.

The Committee on-Public Worship submitted the following announcements:

#### PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Missionary Anniversary at 7 P. M., addressed by Dr. H. C. Morrison.

##### SUNDAY.

##### *First Methodist Church:*

9:30 A. M.. Love Feast led by C. G. Andrews, D. D.

11 A. M. Bishop Wilson.

3 P. M., Memorial Services.

##### *Capitol Street Church:*

11 A. M., James O. Andrew, D. D.

7 P. M., A. F. Watkins.

##### *First Presbyterian Church:*

11 A. M., John J. Tigert, L. L. D.

7 P. M., J. D. Barbee, D. D.

##### *First Baptist Church:*

11 A. M., H. C. Morrison, D. D.

7 P. M., W. C. Black, D. D.

##### *Christian Church:*

11 A. M., W. B. Lewis.

7 P. M., H. M. Ellis.

##### *Deaf and Dumb Institution:*

4 P. M., T. W. Adams.

##### *Epworth Hall:*

4 P. M., League Rally Chapter Exercises.

Canton: 11 o'clock, T. B. Holloman.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

## THIRD DAY.—Afternoon.

JACKSON, MISS., January 1, 1898.

The Conference met at 3 P. M. Bishop Galloway in the chair.

The religious worship was conducted by W. M. Sullivan.

The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

H. G. Hawkins read the following, which was adopted:

### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The income from Children's Day for 1897 is \$600.00, which is over \$100.00 in excess of that of 1896; \$380.00 of this fund was forwarded to our treasurer, Rev. H. P. Lewis, early after the celebration in May. This is according to the Discipline and an improvement upon the previous practice of holding the money until the Annual Conference.

We began the year with \$291.50, which with the \$600.00 makes \$891.50, total income.

### EXPENDITURES.

Sunday School literature.....	\$ 273 72
Paid to D. M. Smith, General Board of Education.....	253 71
Paid 10 per cent. to General Board of Education.....	60 00
Paid 10 per cent. to Sunday School Board.....	60 00
Paid for Publishing Conference Minutes.....	20 25
Paid for Incidental Expenses.....	27 90
 Total.....	\$ 704 58
Balance on hand.....	186 22

It is the policy of the Board to supply Children's Day programs to all schools that will use the Day, taking a collection and forwarding the results promptly to the treasurer of this Board.

The Sunday School Board hereby calls a Convention of the Sunday School workers of the Conference, to be held in Central Church, Meridian, during the two days immediately preceding the State Convention of Leagues to be held at the same place, at a date yet to be named. This Board will provide a suitable program. The Board asks that our four Sunday School Superintendents in Meridian act as an entertainment Committee, and that the resident Presiding Elder act as President until the Convention shall choose a chairman for itself.

H. G. HAWKINS, Secretary.

The following was adopted:

*Written by C. F. Emery*

### REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We, the Committee on the Publishing Interests of the Church, would submit the following report:

The report of the agents of our Publishing House, at Nashville, Tenn., exhibits a condition of prosperity that is highly gratifying, considering the financial depression that has affected every branch of industry.

The net gain of six per cent. on the whole capital of the House is particularly gratifying when the unfavorable conditions of the year are considered.

Out of the proceeds of the House for the year, the Book Committee ordered \$20,000 to be distributed to the Annual Conferences for the superannuated preachers, and for widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

With special regret we mention the decrease in circulation of that most excellent paper, the Nashville Christian Advocate, which under the able management of Dr. Hoss, stands almost without a peer in the field of ecclesiastical journalism.

The press is by far the most potent factor in the dissemination of knowledge.

Our church has recognized this truth in the establishment of its great Publishing House, from which are issued one great Connectional Organ, the Review and other publications, as well as the various advocates maintained by the several Annual Conferences. Loyalty to the most sacred interests of our church requires of us our unqualified support, without which they cannot exist.

We deprecate the disposition of some preachers and laymen to subordinate the interests of our own publication to so-called Methodist papers that are inimical to organized Methodism, whose columns abound in harsh and unjust criticisms of the officers and doctrines of our church.

Such publications circulating in the families of our people are calculated to inculcate in the minds of both young and old disloyalty to the doctrines and institutions of Methodism.

It is especially gratifying to note the high standard of literary excellence maintained by the Methodist Review, which entitles it to a front rank in contemporary journalism.

The helpful and beneficial tendency of the Sunday School Magazine is such as to plead for its admission into every Methodist family, as does "The World for Christ," whose low price places it within reach of all.

We rejoice to note that all the publications issued by our Publishing House are self-sustaining except the Epworth Era.

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of our Conference organ, the New Orleans Christian Advocate, under the able management of Dr. Black. The marked improvement in the appearance of the paper is very gratifying. We earnestly recommend it to the patronage of our Conference, and would urge our preachers to renewed diligence in securing for it the support of our people.

We emphatically deprecate the indifference towards our church papers that characterize a large class of our people.

Let the New Orleans Christian advocate be placed in every Methodist home, and where means will justify, let it be supplemented by the Nashville Advocate.

We recommend the re-appointment of the present Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, R. J. Jones, W. B. Lewis and R. W. Bailey.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. W. C. Black, D. D., as editor.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA B. ROBERTSON, Chairman,

C. F. EMERY, Secretary.

The laymen reported that they had taken five ballots without a choice.

The Committee on Publishing Interests presented a memorial to the General Conference, in regard to decreasing the number of Annual Conference organs, which memorial was lost.

The following was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That our pastors be requested to read the report on Publishing Interests to their respective congregations.

C. A. POWELL,  
R. W. BAILEY.

B. F. Lewis read the following, which was amended and adopted:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Board of Education beg leave to present this, its annual report.

#### MILLSAPS COLLEGE.

The growing prosperity of our great college for boys is cause for profoundest gratitude. In spite of the disadvantages under which the present session opened, the opening was most auspicious and the session promises to be the best in its history. The loyalty of the student body, the increased facilities for instruction, the increasingly large proportion of the students in the college classes and the successful establishment and growing influence of the law de-

partment, all conspire to brighten the prospects of the future of the institution.

We note with sorrow the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, caused by the death of that princely man and distinguished citizen, Col. W. L. Nugent, and recommend the election of I. C. Enochs, of Jackson, as his successor on the Board.

The continued favor shown the institution by the Methodists of the State in the donations to the library and other departments, thus increasing its equipment for thorough work, is noted with pleasure.

A just appreciation of our opportunities and obligations will secure to this school the enthusiastic support of every Methodist in the State. We desire in conclusion to express our appreciation of the wise and successful administration of the president, the Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., LL. D.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. J. A. Moore as Professor in the college.

#### WHITWORTH COLLEGE.

This, one of the oldest institutions of learning within the bounds of our Conference, has moved steadily forward under the management of Rev. J. W. Chambers. The patronage has increased from 49 boarding pupils to 104 to date. The faculty is full and able, and doing efficient work. Since June 6th, 1897, \$5,000.00 has been spent in repairing and remodeling the buildings, and this without encumbering the property.

While we hope we realize the inestimable advantage which would accrue to all our female colleges were they endowed, we regret that after full investigation we do not feel it to be the part of wisdom to recommend at this time, the appointment of an agent to secure an endowment for this school. We recommend the reappointment of Rev. Jno. W. Chambers as President of Whitworth College, and of Rev. C. W. Crisler as Professor.

#### EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution under the able management of Prof J. W. Beeson, deserves special mention. During the past twelve months nearly 300 students have been enrolled, of whom about 100 are boarders. A three story brick building containing all modern conveniences has been erected at a cost of \$3700.00, while several thousand dollars of permanent improvements have been put on the buildings and grounds by the president, without cost to the Conference or Board of Trustees. A conservatory of Music has been added, under a thoroughly competent instructor, so that it is not needful for our girls to leave our State to perfect themselves in this art.

The Board of Trustees at their last annual meeting made the following statement which we incorporate as a part of our report:

"The condition of the College to-day, so much exceeds in all respects our most sanguine expectations, that we reverently and devoutly recognize the hand of a superintending providence in all its affairs. Such growth under all difficulties, such improvement over its most successful past years, brings the assured conclusion that naught else but the continuous blessing and guidance of the great Patron of learning could achieve such a record."

#### EDWARD M'GHEE COLLEGE.

We are gratified to be able to report this College as in a more prosperous condition than several years past. It has been refurnished and is better equipped for thorough and efficient work than heretofore. The boarding department is larger and finances better. There is no debt on the buildings or grounds. This institution is meeting a real want in that part of our connection and should receive our hearty cooperation.

#### PORT GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE.

This honored institution has entered upon a new era of prosperity. The influence is widening and deepening. All departments are doing efficient work. We most cordially commend the efficient management of Mrs. Meek and Miss Park, the associate Principals.

## PAINE AND LANE INSTITUTES.

We note the receipt of the report of Paine and Lane Institutes, and declare our abiding interest in the education of the colored people of the South, as represented by these two institutions of learning.

## SCARRIT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

It gives us pleasure to receive a report from the Principal of the Scarrit Bible and Training School, of Kansas City, Mo. We congratulate the Church upon the possession of the admirable facilities offered the young ladies of our Church by this school for training in Bible study and other forms of practical Christian work. The experience through which our section has passed, emphasizes the necessity for trained nurses, and we rejoice in the fact that this training can be given our young ladies in one of our own institutions.

We are gratified to note the presence among us of Rev. R. J. Bigham D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the General Board of Education, and in this connection wish to express our cordial sympathy, and pledge our hearty cooperation in the erection of Haygood Memorial Hall at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., and to congratulate the Church upon the gratifying success which is attending the secretary's efforts in this important work.

We take pleasure in concurring with the General Board, that each Annual Conference should select some Sabbath during the year on or about which the sermon on Christian education (provided for in par. 136 of the Discipline) shall be preached, and if the occasion be proper the collection for education be taken; and we suggest the First Sabbath in May for that purpose.

At the last session of our Conference, it was decided to divide the collection for Education on the basis of \$1,500.00 for Millsaps College, \$300.00 for Paine and Lane Institutes and \$272.00 for the General Board. We have received this year from the Educational Collections \$1113.44, from the S. S. Board \$100.00, making a grand total of \$1,213.44, which has been divided as follows: Millsaps College \$782.50, Paine and Lane Institutes \$161.50, General Board \$140.00. Printing of Minutes \$29.44. Reserved of amount received from S. S. Board for local use, (as per par. 248 of Discipline) \$50.00.

We respectfully recommend that the assessment for the following year remain as last year, viz:

Millsaps College \$1750.00; Paine and Lane Institutes \$300.00; General Board \$272.00; total 2,322.00.

We herewith report the following Educational statistics:

Number of Institutions.....	5
Value of Property.....	\$ 190,000 00
Endowment.....	107,000 00
Teachers.....	65
Pupils.....	797

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. B. F. Lewis as Conference Secretary of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. WATKINS, Chairman.

B. F. LEWIS, Secretary.

Amendment: Rev. A. H. Shannon recommended for re-appointment as student at Millsaps College.

Lay members reported the sixth and seventh ballots with no election.

Presidents, W. B. Murrah of Millsaps, and J. W. Chambers of Whitworth Female College, addressed the Conference.

President J. W. Beeson, of East Mississippi Conference, in lieu of an address, referred the Conference to the written report of his college heretofore made.

The eighth ballot for lay delegates was reported to consist of 13 votes, of which H. B. McGehee received 7 votes and he was declared elected.

By vote of the laymen it was resolved that on the next ballot the two persons receiving the highest number of votes should be declared reserve delegates.

The next lay ballot consisted of 15 votes, of which Irwin Miller received 8 and R. W. Millsaps 5, and they were declared reserve lay delegates.

The completed delegation to the General Conference stands as follows:

**CLERICAL.**—C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black, A. F. Watkins; **Reserves**—T. L. Mellen, W. B. Lewis.

**LAY DELEGATES.**—S. B. Watts, E. Mayes, H. B. McGehee; **Reserves**—I. Miller, R. W. Millsaps

On motion of I. L. Peebles it was resolved that the address of the treasurers of the various Conference funds be given in our minutes.

On motion of H. M. Ellis it was resolved that a committee of five be appointed to form some plan of correlation for our female colleges, whereby a uniform standard of work may be done and expense and effort saved.

Whereupon said committee was appointed as follows, viz: T. B. Holloman, J. M. Weems, C. W. Crisler, H. W. Featherstun, I. W. Cooper.

The following questions were called and answered, viz:

Question Twenty-one. "What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?" Local Preachers, 117; Members, 36,658.

Question Twenty-two. "How many infants have been baptized?" 954.

Question Twenty-three. "How many adults have been baptized?" 793.

Question Twenty-four. "What is the number of Epworth Leagues?" 36.

Question Twenty-five. "What is the number of Epworth League members?" 1,647.

Question Twenty-sixth. "What is the number of Sunday Schools?" 343.

Question Twenty-seven. "What is the number of the Sunday School teachers?" 2,051.

Question Twenty-eight. "What is the number of Sunday School scholars?" 16,725.

Question Twenty-nine. "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?" \$6,000.

Question Thirty. "What has been collected on the foregoing and how has it been applied?"

From Pastoral Charges.....	\$ 4439 48
From Publishing House.....	759 00
From Colvin Fund.....	24 20

Total..... \$5222 68

(See report of Joint Board of Finance.)

Question Thirty-one. "What has been contributed for missions?" Foreign \$5,936.35; Domestic, \$2,353.13.

Question Thirty-two. "What has been contributed for Church Extension?" \$1677.35.

Question Thirty-three. "What has been done for the American Bible Society?" Collected, \$772.80.

Question Thirty-four. "What has been contributed for the support of the Presiding Elders and Preachers in Charge?" Presiding Elders, \$9,025.72; Preachers in Charge \$59,924.83.

Question Thirty-five. "What has been contributed to the support of Bishops?" \$1,261.48.

Question Thirty-six. "What is the number of Societies and the number and estimated value of church edifices?" Societies, 428; Church Edifices, 368. Value \$405,620.

Question Thirty-seven. "What is the number of Pastoral Charges and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?" Charges, 123; parsonages, 107; value, \$89,895.

Question Thirty-Eight. "What is the number and value of District parsonages?" Number, 4; value \$7,650.00.

Question Thirty-nine. "What are the Educational Statistics?"

#### EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

NAME OF INSTITUTIONS.	Value of Property.	Endowment . . . . .	Pupils . . . . .	Professors . . . . .
Whitworth Female College.....	\$ 70 000		13 160	
Edward McGehee Female College.....	10 000		5 72	
East Mississippi Female College.....	25 000		25 256	
Port Gibson Female College.....	15 000		10 103	
Millsaps College (male).....	70 000	\$ 107 000	12 206	
	190 000	107 000	65	797

H. W. Featherstun read the following, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD COLPORTAGE.

We are gratified that our colporter has been able during the past year, notwithstanding the presence of yellow fever in our territory, to do a business of \$3,000. We are specially gratified that he has sold a large number of Bibles and other good books to the Negroes, 30,000 of which books he has published himself. This is a work of incalculable value to the cause of Christ. We would be glad if our colporter would travel more largely among our people.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. R. W. Bailey as Conference Colporter.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. WALTER FEATHERSTUN, Chairman.

H. M. ELLIS, Secretary.

The following was adopted, viz:

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, 1. That with grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the good people of Jackson, we invoke upon them the blessings and favor of Him who hath said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

2. That we hereby express our thanks for appreciated courtesies shown to members of this Conference by the managements respectively of the following railroads, to-wit: Illinois Central, Queen and Crescent, Louisville & Nashville, and Mobile & Ohio.

3. That we appreciate the courtesies extended this Conference by the local press and that of New Orleans.

4. That we express our hearty appreciation of the Christian courtesy shown us by the pastors and congregations of the following churches, to-wit: The Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian churches, in the use of their houses of worship.

C. F. EMERY,  
H. M. ELLIS.

After announcements Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Galloway.



## FOURTH DAY.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 2, 1898.

Conference met in memorial session at 3 P. M. Bishop Galloway presiding.

The religious services were conducted by J. M. Pugh.

The following was read by C. G. Andrews:

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### ***Memoir of Rev. Robert Sutherland Woodward.***

Twelve months ago the hearts of the Mississippi "itinerants" were deeply moved on learning that the physical condition of Rev. R. S. Woodward was such as to render him unable to take an appointment.

To-day we are to pay a tribute to his memory, God having taken him from earthly labor and appointed him to his eternal reward.

Brother Woodward was born in Marengo county, Alabama, on December 19, 1833, and died in Meridian, Miss., April 10, 1897. He was admitted on trial into the Alabama Conference at Talladega, December, 1854, and received his first appointment on his twenty-first birthday. He itinerated twenty-one years in the Alabama Conference and twenty-one years in the Mississippi Conference.

Among his charges in Alabama were Montevallo, Prattville and Summerfield. Among his Mississippi charges were Brandon, Natchez, Canton, Vicksburg, Yazoo City and Meridian. Our brother H. W. Featherston, who served two pastorates which brother Woodward had before served, pays this tribute to him: "I never knew a man more generally popular, more largely beloved and respected. He was one of the best pastors I have ever known. Tenderly sympathetic, he knew how to get to the hearts of his people and help them in trouble, and win them back if wandering, and then he was painstaking and laborious. He was a good preacher. Clear, forcible, peculiarly persuasive in his manner, with a strong flexible voice, singularly free from mannerism; simple but elegant in diction, he was a successful preacher of Christ's gospel." At his funeral services the Episcopal rector and the Jewish Rabbi assisted the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist ministers in doing honor to his memory.

The Jewish Rabbi wrote a discriminating tribute to his memory, which was published in one of the Meridian dailies. In this tribute he fully proves that a Jewish Rabbi and a Methodist minister may work together in the uplifting of humanity.

A memorial service was held in Yazoo City, at which Mrs. L. S. Jones and Mr. R. L. Bennett read tributes to his memory. Mr. Bennett spoke in these words of the church which Bro. Woodward had built during his pastorate at Yazoo City: "We can point with pride to this evidence of his useful life and say as did the admiring Jews of the Roman Centurion, 'He loveth our nation and hath builded

us a synagogue.' "Dr. Rush in his obituary of Bro. Woodward, published in the Alabama Advocate, showed the esteem in which he was held in his first Conference, and that his twenty-one year's work among them had borne abundant fruit. He was instrumental in the conversion of the talented Robert T. Nabors, and also in that of John D. Simpson, late president of Tuscaloosa Female College.

In the pastorate Bro. Woodward "wore well" and his fourth year was his best. While presiding elder of the Brookhaven district, his health failed completely. Sister Woodward thus tells of it: "The tired look on his face, as he came in from long, wearisome trips on the district, is engraven on my heart and memory as with the point of a diamond." Bro. Woodward was especially successful in his ministry to the slaves. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce, December 14, 1856, and elder by Bishop Paine, November 27, 1858. On August 8, 1861, he was married to Miss Sallie A. Mardis. In her he always found a cultured and consecrated help-meet. She said that the itinerant system had a fascination for her, and surely those who partook of her hospitality in her parsonage home can testify that she and her husband knew how to make a home wherever the "Bishop and his cabinet" deemed it best to send them.

Three daughters and two sons mourn his loss. Over his grave in reverent affection his family have placed a marble shaft, which best tells the history of his life, in those potent words of St. Paul, "I have fought the good fight." During the few months that he was a superannuate, he lived so closely to Jesus that persons were impressed with his sanctity. He regarded it as a call from Jesus to "come apart in a desert place and rest awhile." The tenderest feelings were entertained for him in his superannuated relation, and could all Methodist ministers have the same treatment as superannuates, the superannuated relation might indeed be regarded as but the foretaste of heavenly joys.

In the last days of his life, feeling that the end was near, he said to his wife: "Darling, I must leave you." And as the glory of heaven dawned upon him he shouted "glory, glory!" Bros. Galloway and Harmon prayed with him and he said, "I am trusting in the blood of Jesus." When in great pain he exclaimed, "I am going home!" Thus has Robert Sutherland Woodward, in life and in death, brought honor and glory to Jesus Christ.

The following was read by A. F. Watkins:

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### **REV. J. V. PENN.**

Jules Victor Penn was born on Nov. 10, 1861, in Covington, La. His father was George Henry Penn, Esq., a prominent lawyer in that section of the State, and his mother was Clotilde Dolbear, the daughter of a distinguished educator of New Orleans.

The first great sorrow in the life of the child came when, at about four years of age, he lost his mother, a lovely and gifted woman, to whom he was very devoted, and whose memory he cherished with a tenderness that was pathetic. The death of his father, a few years later, left the orphaned and dependent boy to the care of his maternal grandfather, by whom he seems, after a little while, to have been given to the Rev. James English, a local Methodist preacher living in Pike county, Miss. Here he remained until he was about eighteen years of age.

If any who knew him should call to mind that there were irregularities in his life or imperfections in his character, let the disadvantages of homeless orphanage plead for kindly judgment. He never knew the softening touch of a loving mother's hand. Too soon there was taken from him the guiding and strengthening influence of a worthy father. Of him it may be said that he never knew the happiness of a home until he found it in the hearts and homes of his people. The virtues of his character, the merits of his work, were achieved not by means of, but in spite of the surroundings of his early life.

In August, 1879, while attending a meeting at Adams Camp Ground, in Lincoln county, Miss., he was converted through the instrumentality of Rev. Henry P. Lewis, of the Mississippi Conference. It is probable that he returned to New Orleans soon after his conversion, for in the following April he entered Centenary College as a beneficiary of the Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans. The

Rev. Felix R. Hill, D. D., was at this time the pastor of Carondelet, and through his kindly interest the financial aid was given which enabled the young man to enter college, preparatory to the work of the ministry to which he now looked forward. One year later (April 30, 1881) he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Jackson (La.) station.

Returning to New Orleans at the close of the session, he was for a few months assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of that city, but in September he returned to Centenary, where he spent the following session.

On the twenty-seventh of June, 1882, he took charge of the Little River circuit, Alexandria district, Louisiana Conference, to which he had been appointed as a supply. Here he remained until the session of the Louisiana Conference at Mansfield, where, on the twelfth of January, 1883, he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection and appointed to Vidalia and Troy. After one year he was received by transfer into the Mississippi Conference during the session of that body held in Natchez, December, 1883, and was appointed to Dennisville circuit.

The years 1885 and 1886 were spent in Natchez as pastor of Wesley Chapel, and the two years next following in Jackson, La., where, with great acceptability, he labored among the cultured people who had known him only a few years before as a student in the college. The year 1890 was spent in teaching in Scott county, Miss., and in 1891 we find him serving the Homewood circuit, in that county. In 1892 and 1893 he was pastor of our church in Waynesboro, in 1894 in Pearlington, in 1895 in Vossburg, and in 1896 in Rolling Fork and Carey. His return to this work in 1897 was not a surprise to those who knew of the success which had attended his labors there during the preceding year. In the Spring of 1897 he was forced by the high water to leave his circuit for a while, but returned about the first of June, and threw himself with his accustomed zeal into his work. While thus engaged, preaching with unusual fervor and doing the full work of the ministry, he was stricken with typho-malarial fever. He was seriously ill from the beginning, and neither by himself or his friends was there entertained much hope of his recovery. He did not wish to die; he desired to live, and spoke regretfully of leaving his work; but he was ready to go and resigned to the Master's will, and when the summons came he was not afraid. Just after midnight, on the morning of Aug. 5, he passed away, and at five o'clock the next afternoon was buried at Rolling Fork, Miss. The noble people among whom his life work closed attended him with affectionate care during his long illness, and in their sorrow at his death showed how closely he had found them to him.

Bro. Penn was twice married. In December, 1889, he was married to Miss Ione Kiblinger, of Jackson, La., who lived but little more than a year after their marriage; and in November, 1892, he was married to Miss Caro Minor, of Boligee, Ala., who, with her little daughter, mourns his death.

The character of our brother was marked by many excellencies. As a preacher, he was unusually gifted. He was graceful in manner, persuasive in voice, and spoke with great fluency. He was always forcible and often eloquent. As a pastor, he was faithful and industrious; as an administrator, he was wise and skillful, enlisting with rare success the cooperation of the members of his charge. His intense earnestness in the accomplishment of the work in hand seemed contagious, and was an important element in his success as a worker. As a builder of churches and parsonages, he was, perhaps unequalled by any man in our ranks, and his conspicuous success in this department of church work was such, possibly, as to overshadow his work along other lines; and yet in no part of an itinerant preacher's work was he other than efficient. The financial interests of his charge were never neglected. His church register always showed substantial increase in membership, and he was diligent in his efforts to promote the spiritual life of his people.

Comparisons are invidious, but in justice it may be said of him with regard to every work he ever served, that his successor had need to bestir himself to keep the pace that had been set for him, and his predecessor was efficient indeed if his labors were not surpassed.

The last month of his ministry were characterized by abounding zeal, and his last sermons were said by those who heard them to have been marked by more than usual spiritual fervor and power.

Our brother no longer lives and labors among his fellow men, but his mem-

ory will be cherished in many hearts, and the itinerant preacher in the years to come will find the evidences of his faithful work in the comfortable home in which he lives and the attractive church in which he preaches.

A. F. WATKINS.

Remarks upon the life and character of the departed brethren were made by, H. M. DuBose, F. M. Williams, H. W. Featherstun, I. L. Peebles, H. G. Hawkins, J. M. Weems, L. S. Jones, W. W. Moore and W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

The services were followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by H. W. Featherstun, assisted by W. B. Lewis, J. M. Weems and C. G. Andrews.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. W. Featherstun, at the request of Bishop Galloway.



## FIFTH DAY.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 3, 1898.

The Conference met at 9 A. M. Bishop Wilson in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by W. B. Lewis.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Memorial Service, Sunday at 3 p. m., were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs read Sunday afternoon was approved by the Conference.

H. W. VanHook read the following which was approved:

### REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

BRETHREN:—The League work has made marked progress during the past year, a large number of Leagues have been organized, though many have been discontinued, and old leagues have grown more efficient. There has been a quickening of interest among some of our preachers and presiding elders in matters pertaining to the work. The number of Leagues has increased from 45 for the year 1896, to 55 during the year 1897. The membership increased from 1532 to 1647.

In the districts as follows:

DISTRICTS.	LEAGUES.	MEMBERS.
Meridian.....	16.....	517
Brandon.....	6.....	202
Jackson.....	11.....	354
Brookhaven.....	2.....	60
Enterprise.....	4.....	106
Natchez.....	8.....	183
Vicksburg.....	6.....	165
Seashore.....	2.....	60

The marked development of the League in the Meridian district we believe is due largely to the District League Conference which has for two years held very interesting meetings. We urge the Leagues in each Presiding Elder's district to organize District League Conferences during the coming year.

We request the Presiding Elders to give special prominence in the District Conferences in order that pastors may become more familiar with the Leagues.

We ask that a special service be given the League department at our next Annual Conference.

We regret that the Conference statistical reports are so made that little data concerning the League can be obtained. We call attention to State Conference of Epworth Leagues to be held at Meridian next May, and urge the attendance of pastors, and that delegates be sent from each charge within the bounds of our Conference.

H. W. VANHOOK.

J. P. Drake read the following, which was adopted:

#### ANNIVERSARY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

While our tears have mingled with the church's over the sudden removal of the faithful and efficient Treasurer of our Parent Board, Bro. Thos. B. Holt, and at the death during the year of two strong members of our own Conference Board, Bros. J. V. Penn and R. H. Noblin, we have had many tokens of God's favoring hand upon our work.

The foremost among the sources of rejoicing, we place the practical effacement of that debt which has been the shame of the church and the dire discouragement of its faithful Missionary Secretaries.

We praise God for the gracious help He has given to Dr. H. C. Morrison in this special burden-lifting. We give glory to his great name for the encouraging accounts we receive of the work done this year in China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico and Corea. May the real year of Jubilee speedily dawn on these and all other dark places of the earth. May His Kingdom soon triumph everywhere.

Within the bounds of our own Conference much arduous work has been done and good accomplished by our poorly paid brethren. We believe 'tis high time to move forward with this work. In some parts of our Conference Mormonism is getting a footing where we should have entered, and within every District are people not half evangelized.

Our Womans' Foreign Mission Society, and Womans' Parsonage and Home Mission Societies have made good headway, and strengthened their stakes during the year. We ought to help and encourage them more. A few words from the last annual minutes of the Womans' Foreign Mission Society gives the key-note to the music they are making. We ought to join in the chorus as follows: "Believing the work of spreading the Gospel in heathen lands to be the first great marching order of the Church, and a zeal for missions the blood and brain of spiritual life, and realizing our utter dependence on the God of Missions for the wisdom, tact and grace necessary to carry on the great work, we will more faithfully use the power of prayer." We need this spirit.

We heed the request of our friends from Canton, and ask all brethren near to State or county convict camps or farms, to give as much attention as practicable to the spiritual needs of those so deplorably situated.

The Womans' Foreign Mission Society of our Conference is educating for mission work, a consecrated young lady from Edwards, Miss., Miss Lula McNemar, who goes to Whitworth College, because its president offered the best terms and facilities for preparing her for life-work.

The summing up of our figures of money raised this year for both Foreign and Domestic work is not such as we could wish. Our treasurer will give details. The whole amount thus far raised in regular assessments, for Foreign missions is \$5,877.54, and for Domestic missions \$2,408.58. Besides this our agent for Indian missions has raised \$

There has been raised within our Conference a neat sum on debt payment, also for "Iearn" special \$222.80, and for Lambuth Training School \$27.50.

#### ASSESSMENTS ON DISTRICTS.

##### For Domestic Missions.

Brookhaven.....	\$ 600 00 .....	.....	\$ 1355 00
Vicksburg.....	600 00 .....	.....	1355 00
Natchez.....	560 00 .....	.....	1265 00

##### For Foreign Missions.

Seashore.....	520 00	.....	.....	1175 00
Meridian.....	600 00	.....	.....	1355 00
Forest.....	520 00	.....	.....	1175 00
Jackson.....	600 00	.....	.....	1355 00

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved.* That we accept the following suggestions from our Parent Board, viz:

1. That our Presiding Elders be requested to hold Missionary mass meetings at most convenient time and places during the year.
2. That our Sunday Schools should be organized in the interest of missions.
3. That collections be taken very early in the year wherever practicable, securing the full amount during the first quarter.
4. We urge our people to subscribe for and read our missionary literature.
5. That all money collected on regular assessments be forwarded to our own treasurer, to be by him forwarded or disbursed as the case requires, who shall report same in New Orleans Christian Advocate.

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

W. B. Lewis, President; W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Vice-President; J. P. Drake, Secretary; B. F. Jones, Treasurer; A. D. Miller, Agent for Indian Missions.

Other Members:—W. G. Forsythe, J. M. Morse, Irvin Miller, L. P. Brown, D. F. Ashford, B. H. Rawls, Thos. Mount, W. E. Harris, J. H. Thompson, R. M. Cameron, J. A. McLeod.

The address of our Treasurer is: Rev. B. F. Jones, Brookhaven, Miss.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

J. P. DRAKE, Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

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## REPORT OF STATISTICS, CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Missions.	Missionaries.	No.	Chur.	Scholars..	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday S.	Decrease..	Members.	Increase ..	Total	For Foreign Missions..	For support of Preachers	Value of Churches.	For support of Port of Preachers	For Foreign Missions..	For Domestic Missions..	MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.
Biloxi.....	C. F. Emery.....	132	1	8	75	1				5734	\$	527 40	\$	30 00	\$	25 00	
Eastabutchie.....	H. B. Vandenberg.....	179	26	3	11	57	4			167		1400 00		245 40		8 40	6 50
Hillsboro.....	M. A. Thurman.....	399	.....	8	1	5	20			454		1000 00		223 03		9 00	4 00
Porterville.....	H. Mellard.....	194	.....	89	3	11	89			58		1400 00		287 08		5 00	19 25
Canton.....	T. L. Mellen.....	203	.....	17	2	13	140	2		302		3250 00		835 00		60 00	24 00
Linwood.....	J. H. Holland.....	316	16	5	20	149	4			2154		1575 00		178 40		5 00	4 00
Terry.....	T. J. Norsworthy.....	315	.....	4	3	25	85	4		76		3720 00		405 50		25 00	10 00
Wesley Chapel.....	F. B. Ormond.....	212	.....	7	1	12	60	1		76		1500 00		270 00		19 00	3 00
Amite Circuit.....	M. J. Miller.....	253	.....	267	3	12	75	4		76		1400 00		340 00		13 00	6 50
Leaksville.....	R. L. Webb.....	161	2	.....	3	6	60	3		76		1400 00		283 31		3 14	2 18
Gloster.....	M. M. Black.....	100	.....	5	1	9	45	1		76		2200 00		405 00		62 00	24 00
South Vicksburg.....	J. A. Moore.....	121	11	.....	1	11	74	1		76		.....		311 02		30 00	15 00
Pleasant Grove.....	B. W. Lewis.....	454	5	.....	4	20	200	5		76		1450 00		300 55		10 00	10 00
Energy.....	J. C. Ellis.....	194	.....	2	3	15	85	5		76		1625 00		236 14		12 80	5 50
Mont Rose.....	M. L. White.....	551	20	.....	2	10	150	6		76		3400 00		344 55		30 00	10 00
Westville.....	J. E. Williams.....	114	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	2		76		400 00		83 00		3 75	1 50
Clarksburg.....	C. C. Griffin.....	334	.....	.....	2	12	40	5		76		1200 00		221 75		14 00	5 00
Martinsville.....	H. A. Gatlin.....	219	33	.....	2	8	60	4		76		1800 00		196 00		23 90	10 70
Fannin.....	T. H. King.....	214	.....	5	4	20	120	3		76		2000 00		216 24		19 00	10 00
Whitestown.....	J. T. Abney.....	292	11	.....	5	20	200	2		76		1100 00		337 00		40 00	17 00
North Wesson.....	H. C. Brown.....	195	.....	3	3	18	141	3		76		3200 00		223 05		2 00	10 00
South Side, Meridian.....	H. G. Hawkins.....	165	14	.....	2	15	154	2		76		1550 00		286 50		20 00	16 00
Carthage Circuit.....	Irwin Miller.....	199	10	.....	1	6	.....	3		76		450 00		111 40		.....	.....
Columbia.....	G. P. McKeown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		76		.....		140 60		.....	.....
Toomsuba.....	F. L. Cronson.....	217	6	.....	3	15	75	3		76		700 00		90 00		11 75	5 00
Wayne.....	F. L. Cronson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		76		.....		.....		.....	.....
Neshoba.....	J. C. Long.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		76		.....		.....		.....	.....
Gulf Port.....	T. W. Brown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		76		.....		.....		.....	.....
Winchester.....	R. L. Phillips.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		76		.....		.....		.....	.....
Total .....		5734	167	454	58	302	2154	76		39720	00	7097	92	456 74	244 13		

L. P. BROWN, Statistical Secretary, Mississippi Conference Board of Domestic Missions, M. E. Church, South.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

B. F. Jones, Treasurer,

In account with Board of Missions.

Dr.

To amount received from Districts for Foreign Missions:

Brandon District.....	\$ 631 25
Brookhaven District.....	893 73
Enterprise District.....	561 46
Jackson District.....	857 80
Meridian District.....	650 70
Natchez District.....	690 50
Sea Shore District.....	723 20
Vicksburg District.....	918 90
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	\$5,927 54
Anniversary Collection.....	17 25
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	\$ 5,944 79

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By Amount paid T. B. Holt, Treasurer.....	\$4,825 39
" " Receipts from Pastors.....	1,100 50
" " Paid for Minutes.....	14 62
" " of Incidentals.....	1 65
" Cash in Bank.....	2 63
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	\$ 5,944 79

Dr.

To Amounts received from Districts for Domestic Missions:

Brandon District.....	\$ 232 05
Brookhaven District.....	387 30
Enterprise Districts.....	226 83
Jackson District.....	374 00
Meridian District.....	276 80
Natchez District.....	254 95
Sea Shore District.....	265 00
Vicksburg District.....	391 65
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	\$ 2,408 58
Anniversary Collection.....	17 25
Amount brought forward from 1896.....	128 00
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	\$ 2,553 83

Cr.

By Amount paid Missionaries.....	\$ 2,474 97
" " " for Minutes.....	14 62
" " " Incidentals.....	29 65
" Cash in Bank .....	34 59
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	\$ 2,553 83

B. F. JONES, Treasurer.

T. L. Mellen was reappointed Conference Missionary Secretary.

Bishop Wilson reported that on Sunday at 11 a. m. in the First Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., he ordained the following:

Question Nine, what traveling preachers are ordained deacons, Robert Lee Phillips, Thomas B. Cottrell and Robert A. Sibley, Jr.

Question Eleven, "What local preachers are ordained deacons?" John Jay Golden, Henry Jackson Moore and Walter Anderson Terry.

Bishop Wilson reported that, on Sunday evening after sermon by Dr. S. A. Steele, he had made the following ordinations, H. M. DuBose, reading the Epistle; C. G. Andrews, reading the Gospel; Bishop Galloway, W. B. Murrah, J. M. Weems, W. B. Lewis and C. G. Andrews, laying on their hands.

Question Thirteen. "What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?" Charles F. Emery, Paul D. Hardin, Marvin McKendree Black, Elbert T. Breland, A. Harvey Shannon, Henry G. Hawkins, James T. Leggett and James G. Cammack.

Question Fifteen. "What local preachers are ordained elders?" Robert W. Burton.

The Conference was requested to appoint J. J. Golden a student of Millsaps College.

T. L. Mellen read the following, which was adopted:

**REPORT NO 2. ON CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT.**

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:*

The trustees of the Conference Endowment funds of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, would respectfully report:

1. That as heretofore shown we have in the hands of our Treasurer,

Bonds at 8 per cent interest.....	\$1 400 00
Bonds at 6 per cent interest.....	400 00
Barton notes (Van Houten).....	400 00

Total in bonds and notes..... \$2 200 00  
Cash on hand at last Conference after payment of \$50 to Rev. D. G.

W. Ellis.....	758 48
Henderson Fund.....	500 00
From Joint Board of Finance.....	173 50
Interest on Barton Notes (Van Houten).....	36 26
Interest on Bonds.....	124 00
Part payment on Barton Notes .....	200 00
Interest on Bonds.....	12 00
Interest on Barton Notes.....	24 00
Interest on \$1,500, lent on good security, and fully paid.....	150 00

Total..... \$ 1 978 23

Total bonds, notes and cash, a gain of \$310 during the year... 4 178 23

The Treasurer has been instructed to properly invest the \$1,978.23 in good securities.

T. L. MELLEN, President.

C. G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Rev. James Johnson, a Choctaw preacher, amounting to \$28.25 in cash, and \$21.00 in subscriptions.

Question Six was called. "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" Answer, No one.

Question Third was called. "Who are discontinued?" No one.

**JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.**

G. A. Guice, Thomas Mount, H. L. Norton W. A. Gunning, W. M. Sullivan, W. M. Thornton, F. M. Keen, D. S. Harmon, W. G. Forsythe, Jno. A. McCleod, J. W. Chambers, J. T. Suddoth, M. M. Black, E. A. Enoch.

## VISITING COMMITTEES.

*Millsaps College*—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. S. Sexton.

*Whitworth Female College*—G. A. Guice, L. Lampton.

*East Mississippi Female College*—D. P. Bradford, W. M. Thornton.

*Port Gibson Female College*—R. F. Witt, T. A. Holloman.

*Edward McGehee College*—M. M. Black, Richard F. Reid.

Bishop Wilson addressed the Conference and read the following list in answer to Question Forty-one. "Where are the preachers stationed this year?"

**Appointments.**

The figures show the number of years served consecutively in the same appointment.

**VICKSBURG DISTRICT**—E. H. MOUNGER, P. E., 1.

Vicksburg—	South Warren.....	W. W. Hurst, 3
Crawford Street.....	A. F. Watkins, 2	Edwards.....J. G. Galloway, 2
South Vicksburg...	W. W. Cainmack, 1	Bolton.....L. Carley, 1
Rolling Fork.....	H. W. VanHook, 1	Utica.....G. A. Guice, 1
Anguilla.....	E. E. Langford, 2	Rocky Springs.....J. N. Ware, 2
Mayersville.....	W. T. Griffin, 3	Hermanville.....A. D. Miller, 3
Warren.....	W. G. Backus, 1	Flora.....J. G. Cammack, 3
Satartia.....	C. C. Evans, 2	Port Gibson.....H. M. Ellis, 4
Financial Agent Indian Mission.....		A. D. Miller, 1

**JACKSON DISTRICT**—R. D. NORSWORTHY, P. E., 3.

Jackson—	Sharon.....	F. M. Williams, 2
First Church.....	Camden.....	T. J. Norsworthy, 1
.....H. C. Brown, Sup. 1	Tranquil.....	W. A. Terry, 2
.....J. M. Cowan, Sup. 1	Silver Creek and Bee Lake.....	
Capitol Street.....	R. J. Jones, 2	T. B. Cottrell, 3
Fannin.....	B. W. Lewis, 1	L. City and Lodi....R. E. Rutledge, 2
Brandon.....	B. F. Lewis, 1	Yazoo City.....L. S. Jones, 2
Steens Creek .....	R. Bradley, 3	Yazoo Circuit.....H. J. Moore, 1
Madison.....	J. D. Ellis, 1	Benton.....H. L. Norton, 3
Canton.....	T. L. Mellen, 2	Terry.....J. W. Brown, 1
Student at Millsaps College.....		A. H. Shannon, 3
Millsaps College.....		J. A. Moore, Professor, 4
New Orleans Christian Advocate.....		W. C. Black, Editor, 4
Conference Colporter.....		R. W. Bailey, 3
Conference Secretary of Missions.....		T. L. Mellen, 3

**FOREST DISTRICT**—W. W. SIMMONS, P. E., 3.

Forest.....	W. M. Sullivan, 2	Hillsboro.....M. A. Thurman, 2
Morton.....	W. L. Linfield, 2	Walnut Grove.....L. J. Jones, 1

Shiloh.....	P. D. Hardin, 1	Carthage.....	H. P. Lewis, 2
Clarksburg.....	G. W. Ferrer, 1	Chunkey.....	R. A. Sibley, 2
Trenton.....	P. H. Howse, 1	Rose Hill.....	D. C. Langford, 3
Raleigh.....	J. H. Foreman, 1	Vossburg.....	R. B. Downer, 3
Montrose.....	I. B. Robertson, 1	Heidleburg.....	J. E. Riddle, 1
Lake.....	W. M. Stevens, 1	Neshoba & mission..	D. Scarborough 2
Newton & Hickory..	D. P. Bradford, 2	and one to be supplied by J. C Long, 2	
Decatur.....	M. L. White, 1	Indian mission.....	J. N. Tucker, 1

## MERIDIAN DISTRICT—C. G. ANDREWS, P. E., 2.

## Meridian—

Central.....	H. W. Featherstun, 2	Daleville.....	H. Mellard, 1
Southside and Poplar Springs .....	.....H. G. Hawkins, 2	Enterprise and Stonewall.....	.....J. T. Leggett, 3
East End.....	G. H. Galloway, 2	Pachuta.....	W. J. Ferguson, 2
West End.....	F. M. Keen, 1	Shubuta.....	J. T. Nicholson, 2
DeKalb.....	G. H. Thompson, 3	Mathersville.....	C. D. Cecil, 1
Binnsville.....	C. M. Crossley, 2	Energy.....	J. C. Ellis, 2
Porterville..To be supplied	.....(E. J. Coker), 1	Waynesboro and State Line.....	.....A. T. Bell, 1
Lauderdale.....	G. S. Harmon, 1	Wayne Mission....To be supplied	.....(by D. C. Farmer), 2
Vimville.....	R. H. Barr, 3	Winchester.....	R. L. Phillips, 2
North Kemper....To be supplied	.....(by L. F. Alford), 1	Student Millsaps College.....	.....J. J. Golden, 1

## SEA SHORE DISTRICT—C. A. POWELL, P. E., 4.

Moss Point.....	I. W. Cooper, 2	Luinberton and Poplarville.....	.....W. H. Huntley, 3
Americus.....	To be supplied	.....(by J. L. Jordan), 1	Purvis.....Geo. P. McKeown, 1
Escatawpa.....	G. W. Huff, 3	Columbia.....H. B. Trevilion, 2	Hattiesburg.....I. L. Peebles, 2
Biloxi.....	C. F. Emery, 2	Galloway.....To be supplied	.....(by A. P. Cox), 1
Ocean Springs and Scranton .....	.....T. W. Brown 1	Ellisville and Laurel.N. B. Harmon, 1	Vancleve..To be supplied ..
Gulf Port Mission ....	J. H. Holland, 1	Williamsburg.....W. J. Dawson, 3	.....
Whittington. ....	G. R. Ellis, 3	Leaksville.....H. B. Vandenberg, 1	
Bay St. Louis and Long Beach.....	.....J. P. Drake, 2	Fuller.....F. B. Ormond, 1	
Pearlington and Log Town.....	.....W. G. Forsythe, 4		

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—J. M. WEEMS, P. E., 1.

Brookhaven.....	B. F. Jones, 4	Gallman.....	W. M. Williams, 2
Magnolia and Osyka...J. A. B. Jones, 2	.....J. W. Sandell, sup. 5	Crystal Springs.....	W. B. Lewis, 2
China Grove .....	B. H. Rawls, 1	Mount Carmel.....	J. D. Crymes, 2
Whitestown.....	J. W. Tinnin, 1	Westville .....	J. S. Parker, 1
McComb City.....	J. M. Morse, 4	Caseyville.....	C. McDonald, 2
Summit and Topisaw...V. V. Boone, 2		Adams.....	W. W. Morse, 1
Bogue Chitto.....	J. A. Moore, 1	Pres. Whitworth Female College....	.....J. W. Chambers, 4
Pleasant Grove..To be supplied.....	.....(by Milton Ferrell),	Prof. Whitworth Female College....	.....C. W. Crisler, 2

Wesson.....	T. W. Adams, 1	District Supt. American Bible.....
North Wesson.....	H. D. Howell, 1	Society.....J. W. McLaurin.
Providence.....	H A. Gatlin, 1	Manager of Mississippi Orphans'....
Hazlehurst.....	R. Selby, 1	Home.....M. L. Burton, 1
Martinsville.....	L. E. Alford. 1	

**NATCHEZ DISTRICT—W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, P. E., 2.****Natchez—**

Jefferson Street....	T. B. Holloman, 2	Gloster.....M. M. Black, 2
Wesley Chapel.....	J. T. Abney, 1	Centerville.....M. H. Moore, 2
Washington.....	G. M. Hull, 1	Wilkinson.....To be supplied.....(by C. C. Griffin),
Fayette.....	B. S. Rayner, 2	Woodville.....J. W. Crisler, 1
Barlow.....	E. F. Edgar, 1	Percy Creek.....W. W. Moore, 1
Roxie.....	R. A. Breland, 2	Meadville.....R. S. Gale, 4
Amite.....	D. F. Guice, 1	Harriston.....R. F. Witt, 1
Transferred to Florida Conference.....		H. E. Partridge.

Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

**CONDENSED MINUTES.**

1. Who are admitted on trial? John J. Golden, Henry Jackson Moore, Gus Shaw Harmon, Henry A. Gatlin, Lucius E. Alford.
2. Who remain on trial? Geo. McKeown, John A. Moore, W. A. Terry. Continued in class of first year, M. A. Thurman.
3. Who are discontinued? None.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Robert Lee Phillips, John A. Foreman, Thos. B. Cottrell, R. A. Sibley, Jr.
5. Who are re-admitted? None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences. None.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? D. Scarborough, Fletcher B. Ormond, Hiram B. Trevilion, Thos. J. Norsworthy, John D. Ellis, R. E. Rutledge, W. W. Moore, W. M. Williams. Continued in the class of third year, C. M. Crossley, J. C. Ellis, G. W. Huff, E. E. Langford, H. C. Brown.
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? R. L. Phillips, T. B. Cottrell, R. A. Sibley, Jr. Passed in orders as a Local Deacon, J. H. Foreman. Continued in class of the second year, G. M. Hull.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? R. L. Phillips, T. B. Cottrell, R. A. Sibley, Jr.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? J. J. Golden, H. J. Moore, W. A. Terry.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John Jay Golden, Henry Jackson Moore, Walter A. Terry.
12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? C. F. Emery, P. D. Hardin, M. M. Black, E. T. Breland, A. H. Shannon, H. G. Hawkins, J. G. Cammack, J. T. Leggett.
13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. F. Emery, P. D. Hardin, M. M. Black, E. T. Breland, A. H. Shannon, H. G. Hawkins, J. G. Cammack.
14. What local preachers are elected elders? Robert W. Burton.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? R. W. Burton.  
 16. Who are located this year? T. H. King, M. J. Miller, E. T. Breland.  
 17. Who are supernumerary? J. W. Sandell, H. C. Brown, J. M. Cowan.  
 18. Who are superannuated? A. B. Nicholson, H. J. Harris, E. A. Flowers, G. Bancroft, J. W. Harmon, J. A. Vance, H. R. Caldwell, J. H. Evans, R. A. Sibley, N. B. Young, W. B. Hines, J. M. Pugh, P. Howard, D. G. W. Ellis, L. P. Meador.  
 19. What preachers have died during the year? R. S. Woodward, J. V. Penn. (See memoirs.)  
 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?  
 Their names were called over one by one and their characters were examined and passed.  
 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions in the Conference? Local preachers, 117; members, 36,443.  
 22. How many infants have been baptized? 954.  
 23. How many adults have been baptized? 793.  
 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 36.  
 25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,647.  
 26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 343.  
 27. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 2,051.  
 28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 16,725.  
 29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,000.00.  
 30. What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

From Pastoral Charges.....	\$4439	48
From Colvin Fund.....	24	20
From Publishing House.....	759	00
Total.....	\$5222	68

(For application see Report Joint Board of Finance.)

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$5,936.35; Domestic, \$2,353.13.  
 32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1,677.35.  
 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? Collected, \$772.80.  
 34. What has been contributed for the support of the presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$9,025.72; Preachers in charge, \$59,924.83.  
 35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1,261.48.  
 36. What is the number of Societies and the number and estimated value of church edifices? Societies, 428; church edifices, 368; value, \$405,620.  
 37. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Charges, 123; parsonages, 107; value, \$89,895.  
 38. What is the number and value of district parsonages? Number, 4; value, \$7,650.  
 39. What are the Educational statistics? See another page.  
 40. Where shall the next Conference be held? Hattiesburg.  
 41. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list on another page.

## CONFERENCE BOARDS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—A. F. Watkins, R. W. Millsaps, C. G. Andrews, H. C. Mounger, B. F. Lewis, H. B. McGehee, M. L. Burton, J. S. Sexton, J. T. Nicholson, G. B. Harper, I. W. Cooper, W. H. Ormond, I. L. Peebles, C. P. Weatherby, T. W. Adams, G. W. Ellis.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION—M. H. Moore, T. A. Holloman, G. A. Guice, W. W. Simmons, J. M. Sessions, I. B. Robertson, H. B. Godbold, R. Bradley, A. G. Mayers, T. B. Holloman, Jno. Watts, D. P. Bradford, S. J. Johnson, N. B. Harmon, J. S. Turner.

BOARD OF MISSIONS—Peter James, J. P. Drake, W. H. Scudder, W. B. Lewis, P. A. Richardson, B. F. Jones, G. W. Burton, B. H. Rawls, Irwin Miller, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, L. P. Brown, W. S. Davis, W. G. Forsythe, J. A. McLeod.

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE—H. W. Featherstun, T. L. Mellen, H. M. Ellis, J. N. Tucker, G. H. Thompson, R. Selby, R. F. Witt, M. L. White.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—C. A. Powell, R. L. Bennett, W. M. Stevens, J. O. Lloyd, J. W. Brown, John A. Guice, H. P. Lewis, C. A. Redding, W. W. Cammack, A. J. Brown, H. G. Hawkins, J. B. Chatfield, F. M. Keen, S. H. Terrell, J. G. Sibley, E. W. Lampton.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—J. W. Crisler, J. G. Cammack, W. L. Linfield, R. W. Bailey, W. J. Roberts, H. W. Van Hook, H. B. Trevilion, R. B. Downer.

## COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL—W. B. Lewis, T. L. Mellen, T. B. Holloman.

FIRST YEAR—R. J. Jones, J. W. Chambers, A. F. Watkins.

SECOND YEAR—I. W. Cooper, B. F. Lewis, R. W. Bailey.

THIRD YEAR—E. H. Mounger, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. M. Weems.

FOURTH YEAR—H. W. Featherstun, L. Carley, H. M. Ellis,

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## **STATISTICAL TABLES.**

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# MEMBERSHIPS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, EPWORTH LEAGUES & SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

## JACKSON DISTRICT.

Name of Charge	JACKSON DISTRICT.											
	Total Amount Raised	Amt. Collected for Other Objects	Amt. Collected on Children's Day	Amt. Collected for missions	Amt. Collected for Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Schools	No. of Epworth League Mem.	No. Epworth of Leagues	Money Exp'ded for churches and Parsonages	
Jackson, 1st Ch	577	583	582	6	1	3	4	1	3000 00	4000 00	358 93	\$ 183 63
Jackson, C. Str.	268	268	247	6	1	4	4	1	3000 00	2000 00	127 64	\$ 73 60
Fannin	214	214	219	5	2	9	9	1	500 00	60 00	20 16	16 00
Terry	311	315	311	6	2	2	9	1	1045 00	179 70	25 55	50 00
Madison.	242	242	229	12	4	7	5	1	800 00	20 00	13 27	28 27
Canton	203	203	220	4	1	4	4	1	1500 00	103 00	14 39	73 96
Sharon	171	173	174	7	1	1	1	1	500 09	102 00	18 15	20 20
Camden	339	341	335	6	1	2	12	1	600 00	40 00	9 15	14 00
Benton	377	377	378	12	1	8	7	1	4500 00	800 00	25 35	48 30
Tranquil	374	374	335	38	1	1	1	1	3500 00	20 00	3 135	26 70
Silver Creek.	86	86	86	4	2	4	4	1	1500 00	150 00	13 60	15 00
Lake City	1	86	87	85	4	2	4	3	250 00	123 25	6 60	5 00
Yazoo City	401	401	353	25	29	6	3	1	800 00	350 90	1 40	96 00
Yazoo Circuit	296	296	291	13	2	10	4	1	3000 00	2000 00	3 133	4 20
Flora	265	265	223	41	12	11	17	3	2500 00	130 00	4 24	61 10
Total	15	4210	4225	4068	171	179	193	38	93 45	71420 00	14 2724 00	108 88
Total last year	15	4102	381	321	308	117	189	47	43	69430 00	13 2000 00	70 10
Increase		108			210	142	215	79	6		445 00	92 35
Decrease												67 35
												695 90
												660 94
												34 94

## VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

Vicksburg C. St.	467	467	451	6	36	26	8	2	15300 00	1 2500 00	3587 93	70 00	1 53	1 26	290	101 48	50 48	11 04	207 80	370 80
So Vicksburg.	121	121	113	3	16	11	3	1	2000 00	1 1235	12 35	11 74	36 37	21 80	4 20			62 37		
Rolling Fork..	163	163	171		9	17	4	3	4400 00	1 1800 00	100 00	10 00	1 28	2 16	108	27 50		27 50		
Anguilla...	154	154	164	3	1	14	3	2	1500 00	1 700 00	12 75	12 75	3 15	50		2 10	2 50		4 60	
Mayersville.	1	90	91	95	1	5	5	1	2200 00	1 800 00	225 00	2 10	50	16 50	7 85		5 00	29 35		
Warren....	1	597	598	485	30	1	8	2	3500 00	1 500 00	10 00	1 70	3 18	140	20 00		22 25	2 30	44 55	
Satartia...	1	259	251	220	29	4	2	2	1200 00	1 600 00	200 00	4 20	184		15 00			15 00		
South Warren	166	166	164	6		4	5	1	3500 00	1 600 00	30 00	3 15	50	14 00		20 00		34 00		
Edwards....	279	279	240	5	66	32	5	3	4000 00	1 2000 00	200 00	35 00	2 13	106	28 80	25	3 40	32 45		
Bolton....	225	225	232	5	5	17	6	16	5100 00	1 1000 00	10 25	4 22	156	38 03	9 10	2 00	2 00	49 13		
Utica....	338	338	317	19	12	10	9	7	4500 00	1 900 00	237 20	2 11	193	40 15		11 60		51 75		
Rocky Springs..	2	322	324	328	14	1	11	20	8	5000 00	1 800 00	100 00	22 50		9 75		6 00	31 00	46 75	
Hermanville	1	414	415	375	35	21	16	6	16	4100 00	1 1500 00	531 70	2 4	23	160	15 60		22 50		37 10

Harrison...	361	1	362	365	15	7	25	17	3	5	5	5500 00	1	500 00		15000 00	110 00	1	14	6	29	150	49 15	22 40	20 00		91 55	
Port Gibson...	172		172	173	7	4	12	11	3	1	1	10000 00	1	3000 00					1	13	106	60 00	16 70	8 60	11 00	96 30		
Total.....	6 4029	1	4035	3893	178	183	210	109	74	50	44	71800 00	14	17200 00			19187 93	1316 75	6	165	38	242	1817	473 33	130 68	132 09	259 10	993 20
Total last year	6 4028	1			196	196	204	128	64	49	45	71250 00	14	17100 00			17370 00	6904 00	5	181	42	245	1937	580 88	140 10	113 51	120 72	953 10
Increase.....	1											550 00		100 00			1817 93	5587 25	1	16	4	3	120	107 55	9 42	18 58	138 38	40 10
Decrease....					18	13	54	19		1	1																	

### MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Meridian Centrl	1	527		528	492	28	79	71	6	10	1	1	16600 00	1	2000 00		24000 00	1037 50	2	180	2	42	582	82 72	85 38	11 88	6 25	186 23	
Meridian S. side	165		165	151	16	22	24	5	4	2	2		1550 90				180 50	1	44	2	15	174	37 28	6 20	3 03		46 51		
Meridian E. end	272		272	233	12	46	19	2	3	1	1		2750 00	1	1250 00			588 15	1	18	1	15	161	56 06	30 00	5 00	36 22	117 28	
Meridian W. end	1 242		243	228	23	20	28	5	10	1	1		2500 00				500 00	103 15	1	28	1	16	150	37 32	25 83	3 05	6 00	72 20	
Chunkey.....	2 279		281	275	19	6	10	2	2	6	5		1550 00	1	200 00			56 00		6	33	250	13 40		5 15		18 55		
Rose Hill.....	2 453		455	449	16	9	20	21	4	5	4		1850 00	1	400 00			50 00	2	5.5	5	25	210	21 00	1 20	4 45		26 65	
Dekalb.....	1 347		348	338	13	1	4	1	7	4	4		2000 00	1	1000 00			65 00		3	12	97	5 25				5 55		
Binnsville.....	281		281	262	14	16	11	2	5	3	2		2200 00	1	400 00			80 00	387 80		2	15	85	22 63	10 09	2 50		38 10	
Portersville.....	194		194	282	12	6	107	4	5	5	4		1400 00					65 00		3	11	85	7 00		4 15		11 15		
Lauderdale.....	176		176	174	5	11	14	5	1	3	3		2300 00	1	600 00			76 00	3	67	3	19	172	43 00	85	7 50	4 00	55 35	
Vimville.....	1 207		208	200	2	10	4	1	2	4	4		1000 00	1	600 00			40 00	2 50	1	13	3	8	39	7 75		2 80		10 55
North Kemper.....	1 286		287	269	34	16	8	8	4	3		1000 00						1	25	4	21	135	5 75		6 50		12 25		
Neshoba, Miss.	1 506		507	540	50	6	89	23	73	6	6		2700 00	1	400 00			29 00	2	62	6	29	270	19 00	14 70		1 50	35 20	
Linwood & In M	1 272	43	316	300	13	9	6	4	7	5	4		1575 00						5	20	5	20	149	10 00		2 20		12 20	
Daleville.....	296		296	277	10	16	7	6	6	4	4		2300 00	1	800 00			95 00	2	39	2	.9	110	5 50				5 50	
Toombsuba.....	1 215	1	217	211	4	3	1	9	2	5	3		700 00					109 00	6 90		3	15	75	1 90				1 90	
Total.....	11 4718	44	4774	4682	262	260	431	104	99	60	51		43975 00	10	7650 00			24720 00	2742 50	16	517	50	305	2741	375 55	174 16	58 21	53 97	661 82
Total last year	13 4627	50			176	279	278	111	91	60	52		39650 00	9	6200 00			20820 00	3033 55	10	394	41	248	2215	387 59	53 10	56 79	58 62	550 39
Increase.....	91				86		153	8		1		4325 00	1	1450 00			3900 00		6	123	9	57	526	12 03	121 06	1 42			
Decrease....	2	6			19		7		1								291 05								4 65		111 43		

### BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon.....	1	170		171	174	4	3	10	3	1	1	1	6000 00	1	700 00			89 50		2	13	104	33 00		4 00	37 00	74 00			
Carthage.....	1 467		468	454	15	30	31	6	15	6	4		2000 00	1	400 00			380 00		2	11	137	35 00		3 50		38 50			
Walnut Grov.....	4 445		449	370	82		4	1	46	6	5		1900 00	1	700 00			50 00		1	7	50	6 60		1 90		7 90			
Hillsboro.....	1 398		399	407	9	4	21	1	5	6	4		1000 00	1	150 00			5 00		1	5		2 10				2 10			
Decatur.....	390		390	373	26	19	29	11	15	5	5		2500 00	1	500 00			240 00	1	22	2	12	105	9 40			9 40			
Newton and H.....	3 429		432	405	28	14	15	5	12	2	2		2500 00	1	1250 00			100 00	75 00	1	40	2	30	250	100 00	15 00	5 35		120 35	
Lake.....	2 389		391	370	25	15	19	10	9	4	4		4000 00	1	500 00			175 00	1	35	4	30	225	35 00		11 00		46 00		
Morton.....	2 338		340	317	11	41	29	21	7	4	4		2400 00	1	700 00			768 70		2	12	97	17 00	7 15		4 85		32 85		
Clarksburg.....	3 330		333	341	9	9	26	10	7	7	5		250 00	1	25 00			12 00		1	39	7	21	250	35 00		6 00		41 00	
Steens Creek.....	1 614		615	621	8	7	21	14	3	9	7		3500 00	1	1200 00			168 00		3	18	177	13 50		4 25			17 75		
Shiloh.....	4 457		461	429	9	28	5	16	14	3	3		3000 00	1	400 00			168 00		3	18	177	13 50		4 25			17 75		
Westville.....	114		114	101	15		2	3	11		2								3	7	75									
Raleigh.....	380		380	428	36	3	15		12		5		1950 00	1	250 00			620 00		4	15	120	10 35		27 00		37 35			
Trenton.....	4 496		500	504	16	3	23	16	6	6	6		2000 00	1	500 00			30 00	15 00		7	30	175	15 25		10 00	56 00	74 25		
Forest.....	1 340		341	304	35	19	17	13	17	4	3		2000 00	2	500 00			260 00	1	26	3	15	150	36 00		2 80	7 50	46 30		
Montrose.....	2 558		560	531	24	17	12	3	7	10	6		3400 00	1	909 00			75 00	1	40	2	10	150	20 00		6 95	19 00	45 95		
Total.....	29 6315		6344	6130	352	212	279	133	187	69	66		38400 00	17	8675 00			750 00	130 00	2933 20	6	202	45	226	2065	367 60	22 15	54 75	151 35	593 70
Total last year	32 6666		6271	405	390	368	97	236	84	68	42400 00	17	9600 09			750 00	2030 00	2797 45	8	179	51	254	2155	283 06	4 00	56 91	258 09	601 02		
Increase.....	3	351		73		53	178	89	49	15	2		4000 00		925 00			1900 00		135 75		24			84 54	18 15	2 16		106 74	107 32
Decrease....	3																		2		6	28	90							

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT.

## ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

Enterprise	1	317	318	294	5	39	20	2	1	3	3	5500	00	2	1000	00	700	00	.....	90	50	.....	3	28	270	50	00	.....	6	00	56	90					
Shubuta		253	253	255	5	7	14	1	5	2	2	3000	00	1	800	00	.....	150	00	26	00	.....	2	19	115	48	00	.....	48	00							
Mathersville	3	411	414	420	13	8	27	15	7	7	4	1700	00	1	500	00	.....	215	00	2	75	1	26	1	30	216	22	83	.....	3	10		25	93			
Energy Mission	1	195	196	198	7	10	19	10	6	7	5	1625	00	1	600	00	.....	20	00	600	00	.....	3	15	85	2	95	.....				2	95				
Pachuta	2	425	427	398	35	10	16	10	25	6	6	4000	00	1	700	00	.....	200	00	4	30	260	26	00	16	50	7	00	.....	49	50						
Waynesboro & S		337	337	339	18	24	44	13	11	3	3	5000	00	1	1500	09	.....	119	20	1	15	3	29	210	34	20	.....	5	93	.....	40	13					
Wayne Mission	1	57	58	41	17	1	1	22	7	2	1	200	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	14	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Leaksville		161	161	159	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	1400	00	1	600	00	.....	31	50	31	50	.....	3	6	60	6	00	.....	2	50	.....	8	50				
Vossburg		179	179	187	6	4	18	10	1	4	4	3000	00	1	1000	00	.....	32	00	4	15	125	15	00	8	80	5	00	.....	28	80						
Heidleburg		281	281	279	3	5	6	11	2	3	3	1200	00	1	300	00	.....	.....	.....	3	15	120	21	00	6	10	10	90	.....	38	00						
Ellisville	2	387	389	365	40	36	52	7	16	2	2	7000	00	1	800	00	.....	250	00	595	60	1	50	3	22	227	64	85	.....	370	27	435	12				
Estabuchie	1	163	164	153	3	23	15	1	2	5	4	1400	00	1	700	00	.....	1000	00	150	50	.....	3	11	57	2	98	.....	3	40	.....	6	38				
Williamsburg		365	365	352	11	25	23	10	7	4	4	2300	00	1	350	00	.....	50	00	65	25	.....	4	21	141	8	32	.....	3	95	.....	12	27				
Fuller		294	294	300	7	7	20	10	2	5	5	1500	00	.....	.....	.....	20	00	1	15	4	16	100	10	00	.....	2	85	.....	12	85						
Mt. Carmel	2	261	263	234	40	4	15	2	12	4	4	2500	00	1	300	00	.....	.....	.....	3	15	90	.....	5	52	.....	5	52									
Winchester		307	307	281	31	5	10	9	.....	7	6	2300	00	1	500	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						
Total	13	4393	4406	4255	243	210	302	135	104	68	59	43625	00	15	9650	00	700	00	1716	50	1933	30	4	106	46	286	2143	312	13	31	40	50	15	376	27	769	95
Total last year	13	4393	4431	207	218	635	75	55	68	61	44550	00	14	7797	15	.....	1310	00	6388	15	5	179	44	221	2073	382	40	61	54	45	12	24	05	312	51		
Increase						36		60	49			1	1852	85	700	00	406	50		2	65	70				5	03	352	22	257	44						
Decrease						8	333			2	925	00							4454	85	1	73				70	27	30	14								

## SEA SHORE DISTRICT.

Moss Point	1	227	228	223	1	14	10	1	1	2	1	5000	00	1	2000	00	.....	400	00	.....	1	.....	60	00	.....	11	00	60	00	131	00													
Americus	1	383	384	375	8	6	5	27	4	6	6	2200	00	1	250	00	.....	209	00	40	00	.....	4	16	105	13	50	2	65	.....	16	15												
Escatawpa	1	345	346	306	43	3	6	15	3	4	4	2000	00	1	375	00	.....	1000	00	75	00	.....	4	25	220	35	00	5	00	40	00													
Biloxi	2	130	132	179	5	25	77	2	1	1	1	2000	00	.....	.....	.....	142	00	.....	1	8	75	18	00	2	50	1	10	21	60														
Ocean Spgs. & S	1	124	125	122	3	7	7	5	3	2	2	2000	00	1	100	00	.....	.....	.....	2	10	75	17	50	10	00	.....	27	50															
Vanclev																	100	00				5	10	69	9	00		6	00		15	00												
Gulf Port Mis.		21	21	17	1	6	3	3										50	00	102	50	5	31	245	31	50		6	60		38	10												
Whittington	1	670	671	664	5	3	1	22	1	6	6	2000	00	1	400	00	.....	850	00	234	00	4	26	200	50	00	15	00	11	65	6	00	86	65										
Bay St. Louis	1	228	229	203	23	9	6	22		3	4	4800	00	1	1500	00	.....	200	00	124	00	2	28	211	74	65	36	35	5	00	44	65	160	65										
Pearlington		222	222	220	5		3	4		2	2	5000	00	1	900	00	.....	1069	00	1	60	4	31	404	130	00		20	00	150	00													
Lumberton	1	338	339	283	20	41	5	2	8	4	4	4900	00	1	700	00	.....	24	05	2	11	140	29	00		2	00	31	00			31	00											
Columbia	1	503	504	413	16	115	40	6	5	7	7	4200	00	1	750	00	.....	119	65	1	17	200	127	40	29	06	7	75	164	21														
Hattiesburg	1	345	346	251	41	95	41	33	14	1	1	2000	00	2	1800	00	1500	00				2	10	80	15	00					15	00												
Galloway		154	154	140	17		3	2	2	4	3	900	00	.....																														
Total	11	3690	3701	3396	188	324	207	144	42	42	41	37000	00	11	8775	00	1500	00	2400	00	2330	20	2	60	42	223	2015	610	55	92	91	53	65	135	65	896	86							
Total last year	20	4191			171	277	364	152	42	55	51	46200	00	13	9000	00	1500	00	3230	00	4121	20	4	127	44	246	2132	543	87	91	64	55	91	39	50	720	92							
Increase						17	47	157	8			1310		2	9200	00	2	225	00	830	00	1791	00	2	67	2	23	117		66	78	1	27		97	15	175	94						
Decrease	9	501																																										

## **RECAPITULATION,**

**MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

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## **FINANCIAL TABLES.**

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**FINANCE,****JACKSON DISTRICT.**

Name of Charge	Pres.	Elder	Pr'h in Charge.	Bishops.	Conf. Cl'm'ts.	For. Missions	Dom Missio's	Ch'ch Ext'n.	Education.	A.m. Bible Soc'y	Ex. Del.	Gen. Conf.	Total from Sources
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	\$ 273 57
Jackson, 1st C'h	\$240 00	\$240 00	\$1500 00	\$1509 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 29 00	\$125 00	\$125 00	\$225 00	\$225 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 2702 07
Jackson, C. Str	109 00	100 00	800 00	800 00	10 00	10 00	65 00	40 00	100 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	30 00 1130 00
Fannin	59 00	30 35	305 00	185 89	0 00	6 00	30 00	15 00	49 00	19 00	20 00	10 00	..... 253 45
Terry	80 00	55 30	500 00	350 00	10 00	3 00	40 00	20 00	60 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	7 00 468 10
Madison.	90 00	65 00	600 00	436 85	10 00	10 70	60 00	45 00	90 00	50 00	30 00	11 00	25 00 1000 00
Canton ..	100 00	93 00	900 00	745 00	12 00	12 00	70 00	50 00	100 00	60 00	40 00	24 00	25 00 1256 00
Sharon ..	65 00	61 05	500 00	427 35	10 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	45 00	21 25	20 00	10 00	10 00 682 70
Camden ..	95 00	61 00	600 00	345 00	12 00	12 00	60 00	22 00	85 00	20 00	35 00	2 00	25 00 462 20
Benton ..	100 00	96 90	575 00	557 20	11 00	11 20	70 00	38 70	100 00	26 55	40 00	15 00	20 00 769 35
Tranquil ..	50 00	50 00	300 00	300 00	6 00	6 00	30 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	12 00	18 00 530 30
Silver Creek.	80 00	80 00	690 00	690 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	55 00	55 00	20 00	20 00	15 00 1000 00
Lake City.....	80 00	62 30	600 00	467 20	10 00	11 25	40 00	40 35	55 00	25 00	20 00	15 00	2 15 608 25
Yazoo City.....	200 00	200 00	1500 00	1350 00	18 00	18 00	110 00	110 00	150 00	150 00	80 00	80 00	25 00 3800 00
Yazoo Circuit ..	50 00	31 17	400 00	240 58	10 00	10 40	40 00	15 00	60 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	15 00 240 50
Flora ..	95 00	83 00	650 00	539 30	11 00	11 00	60 00	35 00	100 00	51 00	40 00	25 00	25 00 811 20
Total .....	1475 00	1306 07	10330 00	8844 37	175 00	170 55	870 00	631 05	1305 00	857 80	540 00	374 00	514 00 16807 42
Total last year	1480 00	1304 25	10029 00	8929 50	199 00	188 10	850 00	720 00	1310 00	935 65	540 00	430 10	450 00 16102 50
Increase.....		1 82	301 00		20 00		88 95	5 00	77 85		56 10		64 00 704 92
Decrease .....		5 00		85 13	24 00	17 55						7 40	

**VICKSBURG DISTRICT.**

Vicksburg C. St.	214 00	214 00	1500 00	1500 00	28 00	28 00	120 00	120 00	180 00	180 00	70 00	70 00	67 00 2792 25
So Vicksburg.	42 00	35 00	350 00	276 02	4 00	4 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	8 00 431 97
Rolling Fork..	120 00	68 00	1000 00	680 00	12 00	12 00	48 00	16 00	78 00	26 00	33 00	11 00	31 00 905 00
Anguilla.....	65 00	43 30	650 00	390 10	8 00	9 45	32 00	19 25	58 00	24 50	25 00	10 00	23 00 567 80
Mayersville ..	74 00	74 00	600 00	600 00	9 00	9 00	40 00	40 00	66 00	66 00	27 00	27 00	24 00 862 00
Warren .....	105 00	105 00	600 00	600 00	12 00	12 00	60 00	60 00	95 00	95 00	39 00	39 00	37 00 1030 25
Satartia.....	105 00	95 00	600 00	544 80	12 00	12 60	56 00	40 00	95 00	25 00	38 00	10 00	36 00 824 40
South Warren ..	74 00	47 85	600 00	362 15	8 00	8 00	40 00	21 00	70 00	20 00	29 00	10 30	26 00 498 85
Edwards.....	120 00	81 20	800 00	513 70	14 00	14 00	64 00	64 00	105 00	105 00	49 00	35 00	46 00 942 55
Bolton.....	107 00	102 00	733 00	707 75	12 00	12 00	56 00	56 00	96 00	90 00	39 00	33 00	37 00 1168 03
Utica .....	120 00	95 00	700 00	590 00	14 00	11 95	64 00	30 50	106 00	44 00	50 00	24 65	47 00 1306 95
Rocky Springs..	75 00	57 75	500 00	390 00	8 00	8 00	40 00	35 00	68 00	50 00	30 00	20 00	13 00 580 75
Hermanville ..	86 00	78 60	600 00	550 00	10 00	10 00	48 00	27 00	78 00	38 00	33 00	16 50	30 00 1374 50
Harrison..	86 00	86 00	600 00	602 70	10 00	10 00	48 00	50 00	79 00	80 00	33 00	31 00	17 00 1344 15
Port Gibson..	107 00	98 00	800 00	750 00	14 00	14 00	64 00	55 00	95 00	88 00	40 00	38 00	37 00 1710 85
Total.....	1500 00	1280 70	10633 00	9057 22	175 00	175 00	800 00	653 75	1310 00	961 50	550 00	392 45	512 00 16340 90
Total last year	1500 00	1312 65	10489 00	9402 45	200 00	202 35	800 00	697 00	1310 00	1939 85	540 00	417 35	450 00 20590 56
Increase.....			144 00		345 23	25 00			43 25		78 35	24 90	62 00 24249 66
Decrease... ..			31 95									7 30	30 90

## MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Meridian Cen'tri	330 00	330 00	1500 00	1500 00	33 00	33 00	150 00	150 00	241 00	241 00	90 00	90 00	100 00	100 00	55 00	55 00	.....	25 00	25 00	494 70	4242 83
Meridian S. side	60 00	36 50	411 50	249 15	6 00	6 00	26 00	26 40	42 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	17 00	17 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	4 50	2 20	74 63	684 49
Meridian E. end	95 00	80 00	600 00	600 00	9 00	9 00	40 00	40 00	64 00	64 00	25 00	25 00	26 00	26 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	268 50	1799 65
Meridian W. end	145 00	131 50	800 00	756 82	10 00	10 00	60 00	60 00	86 00	57 33	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	.....	1515 41
Chunkey	50 00	36 90	300 00	212 48	5 00	5 76	21 00	10 75	35 00	17 85	13 00	6 70	14 00	7 15	8 00	4 00	3 10	1 50	75	.....	450 00
Rose Hill..	120 00	76 10	659 00	412 15	12 00	12 00	55 00	10 00	88 00	52 00	34 00	12 00	36 00	12 00	20 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	76 00	668 25
Dekalb	120 00	110 00	600 00	535 00	11 00	12 00	55 00	25 00	88 00	30 00	34 00	15 00	36 00	4 00	20 00	4 15	4 75	8 00	3 00	22 00	835 00
Binnsville.	100 00	61 30	525 00	331 47	10 00	11 92	44 00	15 00	71 00	35 00	27 00	10 00	29 00	1 50	16 00	2 10	.....	2 00	.....	56 30	955 82
Portersville	80 00	61 59	355 00	225 49	8 00	8 00	35 00	20 00	57 00	5 00	22 00	19 00	23 00	2 50	13 00	2 00	2 00	3 50	2 00	5 00	473 23
Lauderdale.	100 00	53 25	550 00	298 45	10 00	10 00	45 00	16 00	73 00	24 00	27 00	9 00	30 00	9 00	17 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	299 75	722 33
Vianville	80 00	46 90	400 00	234 85	8 00	8 00	34 00	9 89	57 00	15 00	22 00	5 85	23 00	6 15	13 00	3 45	2 75	2 50	1 00	37 34	371 10
North Kemper	35 00	28 35	250 00	203 50	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	32 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	13 00	5 65	8 00	4 50	2 20	3 50	2 55	44 25	335 00
Neshoba, Miss.	80 00	80 00	400 00	400 00	8 00	8 00	34 00	18 00	56 00	27 00	22 00	12 00	23 00	10 00	13 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	70 50	664 50
Linwood & In M	25 00	13 55	300 00	165 40	5 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	26 00	5 00	10 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 50	1 35	.....	218 50
Daleville.	75 00	59 55	475 00	377 00	7 00	8 75	37 00	20 00	70 00	32 00	22 00	10 00	24 00	10 00	14 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	71 25	697 56
Toomisuba.	25 00	.....	225 00	.....	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	20 00	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	
Total	1520 00	1204 29	8341 50	7011 76	152 00	152 53	681 00	445 55	1106 00	647 18	416 00	270 55	439 00	108 95	248 00	124 20	47 80	89 00	48 85	1520 22	14622 67
Total last year	1225 00	930 40	8195 00	5407 53	187 59	158 30	735 00	458 63	1095 00	618 68	405 00	222 75	370 00	166 85	214 00	96 20	61 85	105 00	23 00	1655 00	13359 70
Increase...	295 00	.....	146 50	604 23	.....	35 50	5 87	54 00	13 08	.....	11 00	28 50	11 00	47 80	69 00	.....	34 00	28 00	.....	25 85	.....
Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 90	.....	14 05	16 00	.....	134 78	.....	1262 97	.....	

## BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon...	90 00	90 00	600 00	625 00	12 00	12 00	50 00	55 00	75 00	75 00	30 00	30 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	22 00	3 00	1 75	2 60	1091 50
Carthage...	90 00	66 90	650 00	473 43	12 00	12 00	45 00	27 00	65 00	26 00	28 00	13 00	18 65	9 45	20 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	.....	641 13	
Walnut Grov...	60 00	44 15	420 00	338 90	8 00	8 00	35 00	23 25	48 00	38 50	20 00	19 00	12 00	8 00	12 00	5 00	2 00	2 20	2 20	25 00	571 90
Hillsboro.	50 00	31 80	300 00	191 23	5 00	5 00	25 00	8 00	35 00	9 00	15 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	12 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	3 00	32 00	320 13
Decatur	70 00	56 00	375 00	300 00	8 00	8 59	35 00	37 00	48 00	48 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	4 00	2 50	2 50	.....	749 00
Newton and H	115 00	92 00	800 00	642 00	14 00	14 00	65 00	50 00	100 00	73 00	45 00	25 00	19 00	12 00	20 00	15 00	3 00	.....	.....	975 00	
Lake	75 00	57 50	550 00	425 00	10 00	10 00	50 00	50 00	65 00	50 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	.....	20 00	652 00	
Morton	70 00	70 00	475 00	475 00	10 00	10 50	45 00	50 00	60 00	63 00	25 00	25 55	15 00	15 50	17 00	17 50	15 00	2 00	2 25	125 75	1653 60
Clarksburg	50 00	32 60	290 00	189 15	6 00	6 00	20 00	13 00	30 00	14 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	4 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	229 15	
Steens Creek	90 00	69 40	600 00	464 55	12 00	12 60	50 00	50 00	75 00	50 00	25 00	10 00	17 00	15 00	20 00	5 00	2 60	8 00	2 00	6 50	687 65
Shiloh.	65 00	47 00	490 00	310 00	8 00	8 00	35 00	35 00	48 00	35 00	20 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	12 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	3 70	650 00	
Westville..	75 00	40 00	500 00	230 50	10 00	10 00	40 00	2 20	60 00	3 75	25 00	1 50	15 00	1 00	15 00	1 20	.....	2 00	.....	290 15	
Raleigh	60 00	60 00	410 00	340 00	8 00	8 00	35 00	23 00	48 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	12 00	1 00	12 00	1 00	.....	5 00	3 00	451 00	
Trenton.	65 00	65 00	421 00	421 00	8 00	8 00	35 00	20 00	48 00	35 00	20 00	15 00	12 00	9 00	12 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	584 00	
Forest	85 00	90 00	550 00	600 00	12 00	12 00	45 00	45 00	75 00	70 00	25 00	29 00	15 00	12 00	18 00	13 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	87 95	1262 50
Montrose...	90 00	54 55	630 00	290 00	12 00	12 00	50 00	30 20	75 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	6 00	2 25	2 80	90 00	540 55
Total...	1200 00	966 90	7971 00	6315 76	155 00	156 15	660 00	518 65	955 00	639 25	378 00	232 05	227 65	153 95	244 00	127 70	71 61	38 95	25 50	438 50	11349 26
Total last year	1200 00	988 00	8102 00	6812 63	165 00	163 00	660 00	513 50	1000 00	659 40	400 00	263 72	289 00	183 30	195 00	115 15	60 98	100 00	53 05	1012 10	11623 23
Increase...	22 90	231 00	496 87	10 00	6 85	.....	5 15	45 00	29 15	22 00	31 67	52 35	29 35	49 00	12 55	10 62	61 05	.....	27 55	573 55	273 97
Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

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Name of Charge	Pres.	Elder.	Pr'h in Charge	Bishops.	Con.	Cl'm'ts.	For. Missions	Dom. Missio's	Ch'rch Ext'n.	Education.	Am.	Bible	Exp.	Del.	Gen.	Conf.	Other	Total			
	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ob- jects.	from all Sources			
Brookhaven	\$ 100 00	\$100 00	\$ 800 00	\$ 800 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 13 95	\$ 65 00	\$ 65 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 21 00	\$31 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 420 65	\$ 1637 65
Caseyville	90 00	81 22	627 50	568 53	12 00	12 05	59 00	59 00	90 00	35 00	37 00	14 50	35 00	13 00	19 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	20 95	839 30
Adams	90 00	85 65	600 00	574 50	12 00	12 00	59 00	40 00	90 00	40 00	37 00	15 00	35 00	20 00	19 00	10 00	6 00	.....	5 00	.....	807 15
Magnolia	95 00	65 85	700 00	485 20	12 00	12 40	62 00	62 00	95 00	95 00	39 00	39 00	36 00	36 00	19 00	19 00	16 00	1 00	1 00	418 45	1237 75
China Grove	72 00	66 00	500 00	456 00	9 00	9 00	47 00	20 00	73 00	28 00	30 00	10 00	27 00	9 00	16 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	60 00	704 00	
Whitestown	45 00	41 00	360 00	296 00	6 00	6 39	30 00	27 00	45 00	40 00	19 00	17 00	18 00	15 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	.....	27 00	465 30	
McComb	125 00	125 00	1000 00	1000 00	15 00	15 00	79 00	50 00	125 00	86 73	50 00	32 10	45 00	29 75	24 00	16 54	20 00	.....	174 62	1454 77	
Summit	72 00	64 25	575 00	515 75	9 00	9 30	47 00	35 00	73 00	50 00	30 00	2 00	27 00	16 00	16 00	12 00	20 00	.....	20 00	770 20	
Bogue Chitto	72 00	67 00	600 00	566 75	9 00	9 00	47 00	40 00	73 00	30 09	30 00	15 00	27 00	10 00	16 00	5 00	9 30	.....	116 85	859 90	
Pleasant Grove	59 00	33 00	400 00	267 55	7 00	7 00	33 00	15 00	51 00	10 00	20 00	19 00	19 00	4 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	65 75	449 95
Wesson	125 00	125 00	1000 00	1000 00	15 00	15 00	79 00	79 00	125 00	125 00	50 00	55 09	45 00	45 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	6 00	6 00	561 40	2004 42
North Wesson	45 00	15 00	350 00	208 05	6 00	6 00	29 00	2 00	40 00	2 00	18 00	10 00	17 00	1 00	9 00	.....	5 50	2 00	.....	5 00	326 85
Providence	80 00	73 00	515 00	420 00	10 00	11 25	52 00	26 00	81 00	20 09	32 00	20 00	31 00	9 00	16 00	.....	10 00	7 00	.....	.....	1926 00
Hazlehurst	90 00	90 00	800 00	800 00	13 00	9 75	65 00	50 00	100 00	50 00	40 00	29 00	38 00	10 00	21 00	7 00	11 00	9 00	3 00	215 00	1265 75
Martinsville	35 00	30 00	175 00	176 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	13 70	36 00	23 90	14 00	10 70	14 00	8 90	8 00	5 70	3 20	3 00	1 90	.....	277 00
Gallman	55 00	55 00	500 00	500 00	8 00	8 00	36 00	36 00	56 00	56 00	23 00	23 00	22 00	22 00	11 00	11 00	13 20	3 00	3 00	141 80	1474 00
Crystal Springs	102 00	102 00	800 00	800 00	14 00	14 00	66 00	66 00	102 00	102 00	41 00	41 00	38 00	38 00	21 00	15 00	9 00	238 60	1446 60		
Total.	1343 00	1218 97	9602 50	9434 33	175 00	175 00	875 00	685 70	1355 00	893 63	550 00	392 30	512 00	324 65	279 00	174 24	198 20	67 00	40 90	2491 07	17946 59
Total last year	1360 00	1187 75	9830 00	8619 95	207 00	207 59	860 00	785 00	1375 00	1085 30	557 00	427 65	458 00	325 30	244 00	163 55	143 15	124 09	54 25	2736 35	16748 68
Increase	.....	31 22	.....	814 38	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	.....	35 00	10 69	55 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1197 91
Decrease.	17 00	.....	227 50	.....	32 00	32 50	.....	99 30	20 00	191 67	7 00	35 35	.....	65	.....	.....	57 00	13 35	245 28	.....	

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT.

Natchez, Jeff. St.	185 00	185 00	1200 00	1200 00	27 00	27 00	120 00	120 00	182 00	182 00	64 00	64 00	48 00	48 00	40 00	40 00	14 00	10 00	1 00	845 75	2721 00
" Wesley Ch.	65 00	20 00	365 00	250 00	7 00	5 40	39 00	6 00	50 00	19 00	21 00	3 00	19 00	.....	13 00	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	28 55	326 95
Washington	60 00	45 30	400 00	238 95	8 00	8 00	38 00	28 00	52 00	36 00	20 00	14 00	17 00	10 00	13 00	8 00	3 35	3 00	.....	19 65	501 25
Fayette	125 00	108 60	875 00	760 10	17 00	17 00	75 00	68 15	100 00	90 00	41 00	38 45	33 00	15 00	28 00	22 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	249 40	1374 70
Barlow	75 00	65 75	500 00	438 35	10 00	10 00	46 00	27 60	64 00	38 40	25 00	15 00	22 00	13 20	17 00	10 05	3 70	4 00	2 50	.....	658 85
Roxie	65 00	65 00	500 00	500 00	8 00	8 00	40 00	42 00	50 00	50 00	21 00	21 00	17 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	4 00	3 00	1 85	.....	722 85
Amite	75 00	44 35	400 00	295 60	10 00	10 00	46 00	12 00	64 00	13 00	25 00	6 50	21 00	5 00	16 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	5 10	398 10
Gloster	110 00	60 00	600 00	345 00	15 00	15 00	68 00	45 00	94 00	62 00	36 00	24 00	28 00	18 00	24 00	16 00	13 25	6 00	4 00	45 00	647 00
Centerville	115 00	96 60	700 00	588 75	17 00	17 00	72 00	61 00	100 00	81 10	38 00	31 00	28 00	23 00	26 00	21 00	26 65	6 00	5 00	160 25	1130 35
Wilkinson	60 00	45 10	500 00	376 05	8 00	8 00	38 00	13 45	50 00	14 00	20 00	.....	16 00	5 00	13 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	.....	463 60	
Woodville	115 00	100 00	650 00	570 00	17 00	17 00	75 00	37 00	100 00	59 00	39 00	20 00	30 00	15 00	26 00	13 00	4 00	7 00	7 00	220 00	1130 00
Percy Creek	70 00	47 05	450 00	296 25	10 00	10 00	43 00	10 00	60 00	15 00	23 00	3 00	19 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	5 00	3 00	.....	55 00	478 15
Meadville	80 00	65 00	445 00	366 80	11 00	11 00	50 00	50 00	69 00	40 00	27 00	15 00	21 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	381 00	961 85
Total	1200 00	965 75	6885 00	6225 25	165 00	163 40	750 00	520 20	1035 00	681 50	400 00	194 95	319 00	180 20	263 00	139 05	85 95	60 00	29 35	1999 70	11514 65
Total last year.	1200 00	979 55	7035 00	5563 05	201 00	197 00	800 00	478 40	1035 00	613 20	400 00	232 10	280 00	128 90	250 00	115 20	103 75	60 00	22 20	1583 65	10346 60
Increase					662 20		51 80		68 30		37 15		39 00	51 30	13 00	23 85		7 15	416 05	1168 05	
Decrease					13 80	150 00	36 00	33 60	50 00								17 80				

# ENTERPRISE DISTRICT.

Enterprise .....	112 00	97 95	700 09	611 65	13 30	13 30	62 00	62 00	88 60	48 00	36 70	25 00	22 65	8 00	21 15	9 35	4 00	4 50	.....	58 30	943 54	
Shnbu'a .....	128 00	128 00	800 00	800 00	15 20	15 00	70 99	70 00	101 25	101 25	41 95	41 95	25 90	25 90	24 30	24 30	30 00	.....	.....	1362 25		
Mathers ilie .....	75 00	46 05	450 00	288 40	9 50	9 50	43 30	40 00	63 30	50 00	26 20	13 20	16 20	6 20	15 15	5 15	4 35	6 00	3 00	105 20	584 62	
Energy Mission. ....	48 00	33 00	330 00	206 14	4 75	4 75	22 10	9 00	31 65	12 80	13 10	5 50	8 10	3 25	7 55	3 00	85	2 00	.....	886 49		
Pachuta .....	96 00	96 00	600 00	600 00	11 40	11 40	53 15	30 00	75 95	37 10	31 45	15 00	19 45	9 00	18 15	9 00	2 00	6 00	.....	160 00	1100 00	
Waynesboro & S	130 00	130 00	810 00	889 00	17 10	17 10	79 75	40 00	113 90	60 00	47 15	25 00	29 15	15 00	27 25	10 00	7 65	10 00	5 00	155 00	1513 08	
Wayne Mission .....	16 00	11 50	100 00	66 95	45	45	2 20	2 20	3 15	3 15	1 30	1 30	80	80	12 10	.....	1 80	1 80	.....	7 50	256 16	
Leaksville .....	56 00	25 90	350 00	157 41	7 60	7 60	35 45	14 43	50 65	3 14	20 95	2 18	12 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	667 50		
Vossburg .....	96 00	66 30	600 00	416 50	11 40	8 45	53 15	44 00	75 95	45 00	31 45	25 00	19 45	10 00	18 15	10 00	5 00	3 80	2 25	35 00	465 50	
Hidleburg .....	96 00	52 30	600 00	314 20	10 45	7 00	48 75	50 00	69 60	16 00	28 80	8 00	18 20	6 50	16 65	6 50	3 00	4 80	2 00	.....	1978 16	
Ellisville .....	128 00	109 25	800 00	688 30	15 20	15 00	70 90	30 80	101 25	52 90	41 95	15 20	25 90	9 75	24 30	8 25	18 00	4 95	.....	85 95	354 69	
Eastabuchie .....	48 00	31 90	300 00	213 59	6 65	6 65	31 00	5 35	44 30	8 40	18 35	6 50	11 40	2 00	10 60	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	65 25	537 77	
Williamsburg .....	64 00	47 15	336 00	293 40	7 60	7 60	35 45	35 45	59 65	38 00	20 95	17 00	12 95	8 00	12 10	7 25	3 40	3 00	3 00	218 00	803 55	
Fuller .....	42 40	14 05	265 00	109 00	5 70	5 70	26 60	4 09	38 00	7 00	15 70	3 00	9 75	.....	9 05	.....	1 00	.....	.....	142 75		
Mt. Carmel .....	64 00	64 00	400 00	400 00	8 05	8 05	37 65	20 00	53 80	53 80	22 25	10 00	13 45	3 00	12 85	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	17 90	382 35	
Winchester .....	48 00	43 02	300 00	256 00	5 70	5 70	26 60	12 60	37 95	22 00	15 70	13 00	9 75	6 00	9 05	6 00	2 00	2 00	.....	15 90	662 62	2262 17
Total .....	1247 40	997 37	7711 00	6311 54	150 05	142 85	698 95	469 83	999 95	558 54	413 95	226 83	256 05	113 40	239 15	103 55	81 25	56 85	15 25	929 90	12078 66	
Total last year	1230 00	986 70	7981 00	6429 72	165 00	147 95	669 00	380 73	1000 00	512 25	414 00	207 45	225 00	107 95	198 00	86 00	64 65	95 00	31 15	1762 52	15349 83	
Increase .....	17 40	10 67	.....	.....	118 18	14 95	5 10	.....	38 95	89 10	.....	46 29	.....	19 38	31 05	5 45	41 15	17 55	16 60	.....	15 90	
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	05	05	.....	05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	760 79		

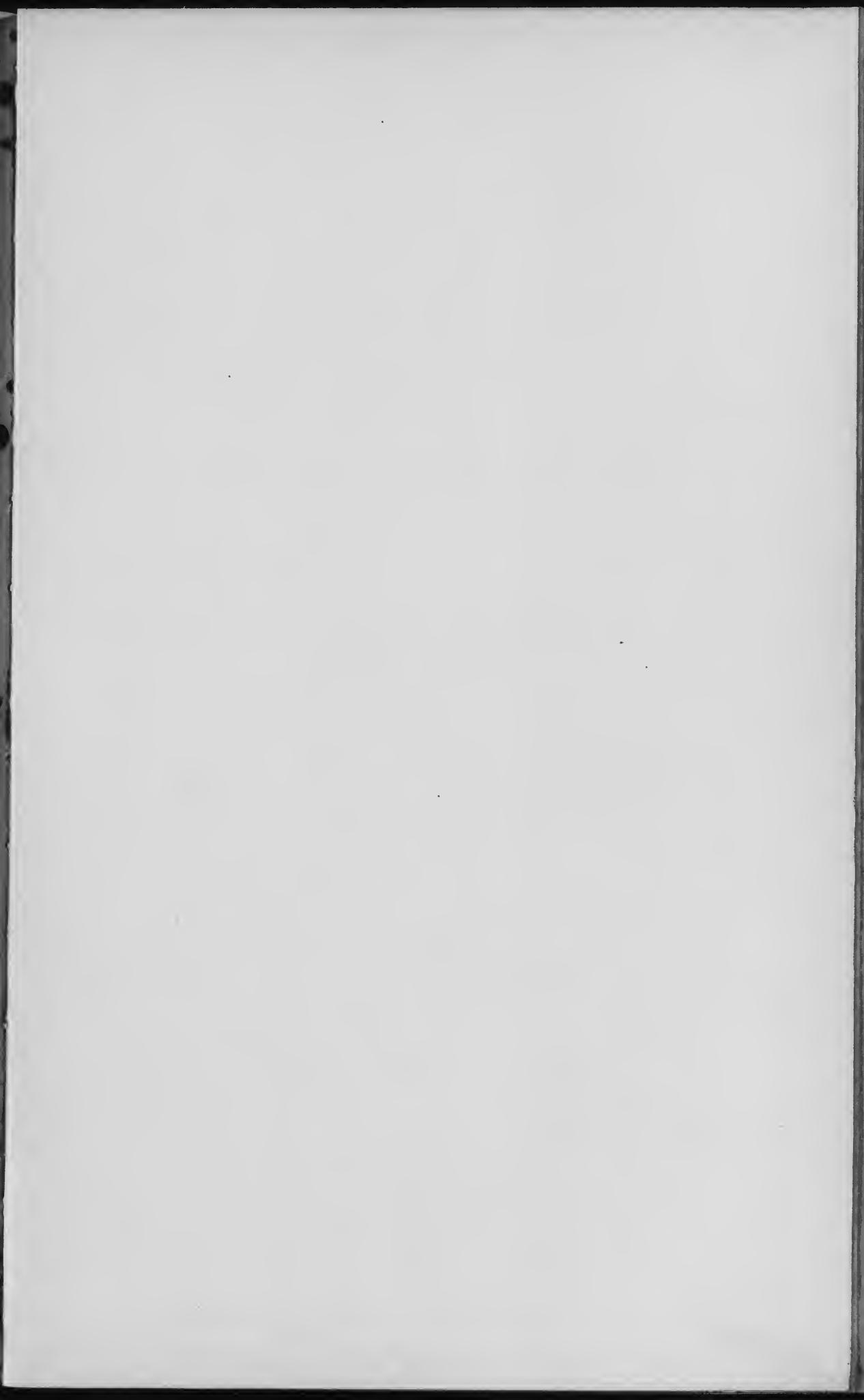
# SEA SHORE DISTRICT.

Moss Point .....	160 00	160 00	1000 00	1000 00	20 00	20 00	75 00	75 00	140 00	140 00	55 00	55 00	43 00	45 00	28 00	28 00	26 25	3 70	3 70	31 00	1613 95
Americus .....	70 00	51 70	325 00	241 58	11 00	11 00	30 00	6 00	50 00	7 00	20 00	4 00	21 00	3 00	16 00	2 00	3 00	3 70	1 00	45 00	420 43
Escatawpa .....	70 00	59 50	430 00	317 20	9 00	5 00	30 00	20 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	16 00	16 00	1 00	3 00	3 70	2 00	110 00	542 70	
Biloxi .....	65 00	65 00	400 00	462 40	8 00	8 00	40 00	40 00	45 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	21 00	10 00	13 00	5 50	5 00	3 70	.....	814 50	
Ocean Spgs. & S	70 00	40 00	600 00	341 00	10 00	.....	50 00	27 00	60 00	100 00	30 00	10 00	31 00	.....	18 00	.....	3 70	.....	.....	515 00	
Vanclev .....	80 00	.....	404 00	.....	12 00	.....	45 00	.....	70 00	.....	35 00	.....	26 00	.....	16 00	.....	3 70	.....	.....	401 15	
Gulf Port Mis. ....	49 00	21 00	400 00	233 50	2 00	2 00	20 00	3 75	35 00	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	.....	8 00	.....	3 70	.....	.....	169 40	
Whittington .....	70 00	58 80	400 00	329 82	9 00	9 00	35 00	22 00	50 00	30 00	20 00	10 00	14 28	9 00	15 00	.....	2 00	3 70	.....	719 75	
Bay St. Louis .....	100 00	72 71	900 00	654 45	9 00	9 00	60 00	45 00	70 00	49 60	25 00	20 00	21 00	18 00	8 35	4 00	3 70	1 70	42 00	927 80	
Pearlington .....	130 00	117 95	700 00	635 05	14 00	14 00	65 00	65 00	90 00	90 00	34 00	34 00	25 00	25 00	17 00	17 00	7 00	3 70	3 70	1068 70	
Lumberton .....	140 00	140 00	800 00	820 00	14 00	14 00	65 00	65 00	90 00	90 00	35 00	35 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	3 70	3 70	673 50	2980 20	
Columbia .....	105 00	95 00	669 00	570 60	10 00	10 00	55 00	27 00	70 00	26 60	25 00	12 00	26 00	8 00	16 00	4 00	5 00	3 70	37 55	852 90	
Hatties urg .....	160 00	160 00	800 00	844 00	18 00	20 00	75 00	75 00	140 00	55 00	55 00	43 00	43 00	28 00	25 00	32 00	3 70	3 70	628 50	2169 65	
Galloway .....	65 00	53 00	265 00	275 00	4 00	4 00	30 00	10 00	40 00	.....	20 00	.....	12 00	.....	13 00	.....	3 70	.....	.....	342 00	
Total .....	1325 00	1185 65	8084 00	6724 60	150 00	126 00	675 00	480 75	1000 00	723 29	414 00	270 00	341 28	198 00	242 00	110 85	87 25	51 80	22 20	1836 95	13308 83
Total last year	1325 00	1115 40	7484 00	6340 19	165 00	158 45	650 00	460 05	1000 00	774 60	414 00	299 07	300 00	190 75	199 00	111 15	87 80	95 00	54 60	992 01	14969 62
Increase .....	.....	.....	600 00	384 41	15 00	32 45	.....	.....	.....	51 40	.....	29 07	.....	41 28	7 25	43 00	.....	.....	844 94	.....	
Decrease .....	29 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	55	43 20	32 40	.....	760 79		

# RECAPITULATION.

## FINANCE, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1897.

Name of District.	Pres. Elder		Pr'h in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'm'ts.		For. Missions		Dom. Missio's		Ch'ch Ext'n.		Education,		Am. Bible Soc'y		Ex. Del. Gen. Conf.		Total from all Source.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	
Vicksburg .....	1500 00	1280 70	10633 00	9057 22	175 00	175 00	800 00	653 75	1310 00	961 50	550 00	392 45	512 00	331 70	274 00	167 15	106 65	57 00	33 70	1471 15	16340 90
Jackson .....	1475 00	1306 07	10330 00	8844 37	175 00	170 55	870 00	631 05	1305 00	857 80	540 00	374 00	514 00	266 50	284 00	131 65	94 10	54 50	26 50	611 67	16807 42
Meridian .....	1520 00	1204 29	8341 00	7011 76	152 00	152 53	681 00	445 55	1106 00	647 18	416 00	270 55	439 00	108 95	248 00	124 20	47 80	89 00	48 85	1520 22	14622 67
Brandon .....	1200 00	966 90	7971 00	6315 76	155 00	156 15	660 00	518 65	955 00	613 00	378 00	232 05	227 65	153 95	244 00	127 70	71 60	38 95	25 50	438 50	11349 26
Brookhaven .....	1353 00	1218 97	9602 50	9434 33	175 00	175 00	875 00	685 70	1355 00	893 63	550 00	392 30	512 00	324 65	279 00	174 24	198 20	67 00	40 90	2491 07	17946 59
Natchez .....	1200 00	965 75	6885 00	6225 25	165 00	163 40	750 00	520 20	1035 00	681 50	400 00	194 95	319 00	180 20	263 00	139 05	85 95	60 00	29 35	1999 70	11514 65
Enterprise .....	1247 40	997 37	7711 00	6311 54	150 05	142 85	698 95	469 83	999 95	558 54	413 95	226 83	256 05	113 40	239 15	103 55	81 25	56 85	15 25	929 90	12078 66
Sea Shore .....	1325 00	1085 66	8084 00	6724 60	150 00	126 00	675 00	480 75	1000 00	723 20	414 00	270 00	341 28	198 00	247 00	110 85	87 25	51 80	22 20	1836 95	13308 83
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Total 1 <sup>st</sup> yr .....	10520 00	8804 75	61144 00	58505 02	1488 50	1424 60	6015 00	4193 56	9125 00	6528 93	3671 00	2500 17	2813 00	1688 40	1770 00	997 20	798 63	824 00	373 75	14322 98	114281 72
Increase .....	300 40	220 97	8413 50	1419 81			411 92		59 05	592 58	9 05	147 04		307 98		308 00	81 19				
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